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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and Dispatch Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship DACCA, 1,659 Tons, 300 H.P., Commander J. Patterson, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 5th September 1872, at 4 P.M.

Sept. 1872.		Sept. 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	5	Leave Galle ... 12
,, Cal'eut	7	,, Nerapatam ... 18
,, Mangalore	8	,, Pondicherry ... 19
,, Cannanore	9	,, Coarse ... 20
,, Tellicherry	9	,, Coconada ... 23
,, Calicut	10	,, Vizagapatam ... 24
,, Beypore	10	,, Bimlipatam ... 25
,, Co bin	11	,, Gopaulpore ... 25
,, Alleppy	12	,, Palse Point ... 26
,, Tuticorin	13	Arrive CALCUTTA ... 28
,, Colombo	14	

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Northern Presidencies, Bengal, and Madras, who can land at Cal cut or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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The Steam-ship INDIA, 1,010 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 11th September 1872, at noon.

Sept. 1872.		Oct. 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	11	Leave BUSHIRE ... 2
Arrive Kurrachee	14	Arrive Fao ... 2
,, Gwadur	15	,, Bunder ... 3
,, Muscat	18	,, Linga ... 9
,, Bunder Abbas	20	,, Bunder Abbas ... 11
,, Linga	21	,, Muscat ... 13
,, Bahrein	24	,, Gwadar ... 15
,, Kurrachee	26	,, Kurrachee ... 17
,, Sunmire	26	,, BOMBAY ... 21
,, Fao	27	
Leave BUSHEHR	28	

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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, &c., from Steamer to Kurrachee every WEDNESDAY, commencing 28th May 1872.

The Steam-ship ETHIOPIA, 1,132 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander T. Sandilands, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 4th September 1872, at noon.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

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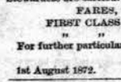
LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

S.S. HIDALGO, 1,800 TONS.



THIS, a Fine New Steamer, specially built for the East India Trade, will be DESPATCHED as above about the end of SEPTEMBER.

The accommodation in saloons and well ventilated. The Cabins contain only two or three berths each, so that overcrowding will be avoided. A Surgeon and a Stewardess are carried.

FARES, EXCLUDING WINES, &c.

FIRST CLASS TO LIVERPOOL	Rs. 500
,, ,, SUEZ	,, 300

For further particulars apply to

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1st August 1872.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

MESSRS. HUGHES and NEPHEWS' Steamer "CELLA," 2000 Tons, 370 H.P., G. Jeffery, Commander, will sail for Liverpool, about 10th proximo, and is now taking Cargo.

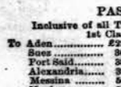
FIRST CLASS FARE TO LIVERPOOL ... £45 exclusive of Wines, &c.

Plans of the accommodation can be seen in our Office.

For passages only, apply to the Undersigned, who will supply all information.

JOHNSON & Co.,
Neshit Lane, Fort, Bombay. Ship Brokers.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.
(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.

The regular Steamers leave

GENOA and BOMBAY on the 5th, on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
To Aden	£22	£15	£4
Suez	36	22	8
Port Said	38	24	8
Alexandria	39	25	9-10
Messina	50	30	14
Naples	50	30	14
Leghorn	50	30	14
Genoa	50	30	14
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	32	14-10

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Next Steamers from Bombay :—

ARABIA, on TUESDAY, 1st October 1872.
PERSIA, on FRIDAY, 1st November 1872.

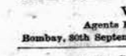
The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to

VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 30th September 1871.

Under Contract with Government.



THE BROACH and GOGO STEAM FERRY will COMMENCE PLYING on and after the 15th September.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay.

T. CHATELAIN-MONTANDON,
WATCHMAKER, JEWELLER, AND OPTICIAN,
BY APPOINTMENT

To their Excellencies the VICEROY of India, LORD and LADY NAPIER of MAGDALA and the Lt. Governor of the PUNJAB, the MAHARAJAHS of JEYPORE CASHMERE, and GWALIOR.

Hummum Street	Bombay.
Argyll House	Simla.
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Orders for Up-country not accompanied with Remittance will not be attended to.

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TIME-PIECES.

"OEIL-DE-BŒUF,"
HANGING EXCELLENT TIME-KEEPERS.
PATENT LEVER.
EIGHT DAY.

"SKELETON,"
WITH GLASS DOME AND STAND.
EIGHT DAY.

"MARINE,"
VERY SERVICEABLE.

CLOCKS AND TIME-PIECES
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION TO BE HAD AT
FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.'s,
Elphinstone Circle.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Friday, the 6th September, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. GEELONG, (1,864 tons, and 250 H.P.), Captain G. J. Barry, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Venice, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M. in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 9th September, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. GOLCONDA, (1,909 tons and 400 H.P.), Captain A. Coleman, will be despatched as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before noon, on Friday, the 6th September.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

SALES BY AUCTION.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE & CO.

SALE OF PICTURES.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 5th instant, Messrs. S. Shricristnajee & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Auction Rooms, at 1 P.M., the remainder portion of Oil Paintings and Pictures.

SADANUND SHRICRISTNAJEE & Co.

Bombay, 5th September 1872.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

SALE OF A MAGNIFICENT BATCH
OF
REAL PEARLS.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, the 5th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will submit to Public Auction, at their Rooms—

A RARE ASSORTMENT
OF
BEAUTIFUL PEARLS,

suited for all description of Jewellery, and varying in size from 2 chows up to 150 chows weight each. They are divided into lots of convenient size.

SALE OF SUPERIOR FIRST-CLASS TEAK BOARDS, SCANTLINGS, AND BATTENS

On SATURDAY next, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Mazagon Darcokhana, by order of Hajee Meerza Suffee Miskey, Esq., on account and at the risk of Messrs. Ramchunder Mahadeo and Co., the following timber, in small convenient lots, to suit the requirements of purchasers.

Ex ship "Timoorshaw."

About 55 tons Boards, Scantlings, and Battens.

Ex ship "Munsoory."

About 36 tons Boards and Scantlings, all of various sizes.

TO BE LET OR SOLD.

VALUABLE FURNISHED RESIDENCE AT MATHERAN.

That fine property known as "CLIFTON," situated on the highest part of Matheran, conveniently near to the Bazaar and Church, and opposite to the house of the Hon'ble Sir A. D. Sassoon. The house is completely and handsomely furnished in all respects, and the area of the ground is about 5 acres. Apply to Messrs. as to purchase or rental, to be made to the undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 5th September 1872.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

ON SATURDAY, the 7th instant, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their rooms, a large quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, &c.

A few cases and many Tons, Superior Perfumery, Scented and Toilet Soaps, Gilt Mouldings, &c.

By order of the Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor.

Just Landed,

11 Cases Superior Medicines.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and costly English walnut-wood mahogany, ebony, and richly gilt household furniture, magnificent cut-glass, crystal and plated 24, 18, 12, and 8 lights chandeliers, fresh, handsome pier glasses in richly gilt frames with console tables, Tucker's handsome plated 4, 6 and 12 lights argand chandeliers, valuable gilt clocks, wall grenadoles, handsome vases, rich cut-glass, China garden seat, China pot, of choice plants, &c., at Love Lane, next to H. Aga Khan.

On MONDAY the 16th, and TUESDAY the 17th instant, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by public auction at the above-mentioned place, by order of the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Hurbhum Nursey, the mortgagor, the whole valuable and costly furniture, &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view five days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY.

On MONDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of Hurbhum Nursey, the mortgagor, the following landed property, viz. :—

All that pieces or parcel of land or garden ground or cart, containing by admeasurement thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty-four square yards, or thereabouts, with the several messuages, tenements, or Bunglows, Stable, Out-houses, and premises standing thereon, situate on the south side of the public road in the Love Grove Land Love Lane, in the sub-district of Mazagon, in the island of Bombay, which said piece or parcel of land or ground and bungalows, hereditaments, and premises are now in the occupation of the said Hurbhum Nursey, and are bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the garden of the late Wassodow otherwise Bapshia Pursotumjee, on the west by the property of Dhackjee Dalajee, on the north partly by the property of Dorabjee Manockjee and partly by the public road, and on the south by the property part of the said Hurbhum Nursey and now in the occupation of Hurbhum Nursey, and are bounded as follows, that is to say, on the east by the garden of the late Wassodow otherwise Bapshia Purs

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

SOME inquiry for National Bank shares at Rs. 110 and Port Canning shares at Rs. 440. Little doing in other shares. Government Paper quiet.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value @ sh.	Paid up.	Last Dirt. Dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	87
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,475 nl.
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	710 xd.
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Rts. Issue	222½ xd.
15,250	1,000	all	3 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,250
10,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of I. L. & China	300
40,000	281½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 nl.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175 nl.
32,000	250	125	Nil.	National Bank of India	112
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	475

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for the Week ending 31st August 1872.
Open 360½ Miles.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Coaching	20,891	0	0
Merchandize	13,835	0	0
Earth Trains	...		
Electric Telegraph	407	0	0
Total Rs.	45,133	0	0

Corresponding week in August 1871.
Open 326½ Miles.

Coaching	38,179	0	0
Merchandize	20,446	0	0
Earth Trains	...		
Electric Telegraph	430	0	0
Total Rs.	59,055	0	0
Decrease	13,922	0	0

CALCUTTA.—31ST AUGUST.

The transactions reported in Government Securities were only for small amounts at quotations.

In shares, the following sales and purchases were reported :—
Bank of Bengal shares at Rs. 1,405.
East India Railway Stock at Rs. 200 per £20.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT.—4TH SEPTEMBER.

London	Cotton	No ship.
	Cases	
	Seeds	
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 2s. 6d. to £2 5s. 0d.
	Wooden Ships	£2 0s. 0d. to £2 2s. 6d.
	Myrabolns & Coir bills	£1 17s. 6d.
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.
Hawre	Cotton	No ship.
	Coffee	
Overland...Steamers		£2 10s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 5s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 8 per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 4½ peg bale nominal
Calcutta ...Salt		Rs. 5 0 0 per ton
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 16 to 17 and Calcutta Port charges.
Mauritius		Nothing doing.

DEPARTURES.

Sept.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
4	James Livesay	Clark	Rangoon.
	Tennyson	Hawkins	Rangoon.
	General Havelock(s)	Teasdale	Malabar Coast.

The steamer Ethiopia, Sauders, to Kurrachee, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The steamer Kurrachee, to Malabar Coast, was entered out for loading yesterday.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.			
31	Himalaya (s)	Heasman	Bombay, Aug. 18.
	Edward Barrow	Putnam	Cardiff, March 25.

DEPARTURE.

Aug.			
31	Golden Fleece	...	...

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.			
30	Margaret (s)	...	Negapatam.
31	Peshawur (s)	White	Calcutta.
	Lord Raglan	...	Coconada.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 4th Sept., 7 A.M.—Mail steamer from Calcutta anchored.

DAILY IMPORTS.—4TH SEPTEMBER.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

European (s), 9 cases medicine, Hoorjee Mooljee.

FROM LONDON.

Valkyrien, 10 barrels pitch, Heptoola Allibhoy; 2 casks carbolic acid, F. Patter; 31 hogsheads ale, Payne & Co.

Assyria (s), 1 cask gio, E. E. Mitchell & Co.; 2 casks ink, Finlay, Muir & Co.

Cospatrick, 20 cases wine, P. S. Kharegat.

Balkannah, 125 crates earthenware, Soomar Bhima; 93 cases sodawater bottles, John S. Elmore & Co.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Esperance, 600 cases cases brandy, Nowrojee Ardaser & Sons.

DAILY EXPORTS.—4TH SEPTEMBER.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Euxine, 15 bales cotton, Aga Abdoola Currane; 75 bales cotton, Bhugwandass Bhawanbhoy; 200 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

Calla (s), 50 bales wool, Jaitha Vurria; 50 bales cotton, Mogjee Mooljee; 2 bales coir yarn, Premjee Runohordass; 200 bales cotton, Nesserwanjee Manockjee & Co.; 4 bales wool, Mahomed Futta; 6 bales cotton, Greaves, Cotton & Co.

Sphinx (s), 80 packages Munjeet, Purdhan Sewjee; 137 packages galls, S. Bhaya.

Geelong (s), 30 bales wool, Mowjee Walljee.

FOR LONDON.

Golconda (s), 29 bales hides, Faizulla Cassom; 67 bundles hides, Allarukia Sujan; 8 bundles and 154 pieces E. teeth, Khimjee Ramjee; 11 bales skins, Peerbhoy Damjee; 6 cases cardamoms, Ahmedshaw Hason; 19 cases cardamoms, Ruttonsee Gooldass; 25 bundles hides and skins, Cummerally Jeewajee; 15 bales hides, Shariff Salmahomed & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Sphinx (s), 200 bales cotton, E. Spinner & Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Geelong (s), 2 cases cardamoms, Woomerbhoy Chandabhoy; 3 bundles shawls, Ahmedshaw Esoofshaw; 15 chests cassia, M. M. Mouree.

FOR HONGKONG.

Golconda (s), 77 bales cotton, and 50 bales twist, Currimbhoy Ebrahim; 200 bales cotton, and 16 chests M. Obium, Dewjeebhoy Goolum Hoosoon & Co; 141 bales cot on, and 60 bales twist, Nurooe Krisowjee & Co; 112 chests M. Opium, David Sassoon & Co; 37 chests M. Opium, Dadabhoy Cowasjee Tata; 7 chests M. opium, Eduljee Dadabhoy Lungda & Co; 101 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Golconda (s), 2 chests M. opium, E. J. Abraham; 8 chests M opium, Dulsook Ramsook.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.—The Market closed steady, with prices unaltered. In 8¼ lbs. Shirtings a weaker feeling prevails, and to effect sales a reduction of ¼ anna per piece would have to be accepted, but holders generally refrain from doing so in consequence of the recent improvement in the Liverpool Cotton Market.

The following sales are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

500 pieces Grey Shirtings	40 inch	39 yds.	7 lbs.	Rs.	4 14
750 " "	40	39 "	7 lbs.	"	4 14
500 " "	40	39 "	8¼ lbs.	"	5 9
500 " "	40	39 "	8¼ lbs.	"	5 9½
1,000 " Cambrics	50	24 "		"	3 12½
1,000 " "	50	24 "		"	3 13
1,000 " Mulmulkhans	32	24 "	3 lbs.	"	2 4
200 " W. Mulls No. 10				"	1 8
200 " " " 11				"	1 11
200 " " " 12				"	1 14
200 " " " 13				"	2 1
200 " " " 13				"	2 2
200 " " " 14				"	2 4

YARNS.

7,500 lbs. Mule, No. 40	per lb.	As. 11½
7,500 lbs. " " 40	"	" 11½
6,000 lbs. " " 40	"	" 11½
7,500 lbs. " " 40	"	" 11 5/10
3,500 lbs. Water " 30	"	" 11½
3,000 lbs. Medio " 40	"	" 11½

The Cotton Market closed firm, but there was almost nothing doing owing to the very few selections that could be obtained from the present stocks. Below we give our closing quotations :—

New Dhollerah and Bhownuggur	at Rs. 206 to Rs. 212	
" Comrawuttee	" 226 to " 228	
" Compta and Vingorla	" 208 to " 210	
" Akola	" 230 to " 236	

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

OFFICE—4TH SEPTEMBER, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 3rd September, 4-3 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 12 minutes.

Via Turkey, 3rd September, 4-10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 19 hours 10 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 4th September, 11-10 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 2 hours 50 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Turkey, 3rd September, 11-35 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 47 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 3rd September, 8 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 10 hours 20 minutes.

Latest dates from America.

Via Russia, 2nd September, 6-10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 10 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 3rd September, 6-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 12 hours 38 minutes.

Latest dates from China.

Via Singapore, 4th September, 12-30 P.M. Time in transit, 8 hours 25 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 3rd to 8 P.M. of the 4th September is as follows :—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	4 37	0 6
" Galle	30 57	1 15
" Kurrachee	0 24	0 1
" Madras	6 19	0 20

WEATHER REPORTS.

MANGALORE, 4th Sept., 5 P.M.—Weather fair, wind south-westerly thermometer 85, rainfall 16 cents.

CANARA, 4th Sept., 6-15 P.M.—Weather fine, wind south-westerly, thermometer 80, barometer 29·95, rainfall 25 cents.

TUTICORIN, 4th Sept., 5 P.M.—Weather fine, wind moderate easterly, thermometer 86, barometer 29·82.

VINGORLA, 4th Sept., 6-30 P.M.—Weather cloudy, wind north-west moderate, thermometer 87, rainfall 6 cents.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—SEPTEMBER 4.

Smith, Captain, 33rd Regiment, on medical certificate, from Poona.
Holland, Colonel, Commissary General, on duty, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—SEPTEMBER 4.

Grant, Surgeon, Bengal Medical Department, on duty, to Allahabad.
Hulscherg, Surgeon, Medical Staff, on leave, to Kirkee.
Karslake, Captain, Brigade Staff, on leave, to Poona.

POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. GRANT, C.B.,
Commanding Poona Division of the Army.

Poona, 2nd September, 1872.

The undermentioned officer has obtained leave :—

28th Regt. N. I.—Major Nimmo, for 40 days from the 20th September 1872, privilege leave.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, Aug. 31.)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

Lt. H. Lees Smith, Asst. Supt., Revenue Surveys, 1st grade, is granted one month's privilege leave of absence from the date upon which he may avail himself of it.

Mr. T. W. H. Hughes, Asst. in the Geological Survey of India, has been granted by H. M.'s Secy. of State an extension of leave for three months in continuation of the leave published in Notification No. 208, dated 29th May 1871.

Mr. C. V. Palmer, Sub-Asst. Conservator of Forests in the Punjab, is promoted to officiate as an Asst. Conservator of Forests, 3rd grade, and is transferred to the N. W. Provinces; and Mr. T. G. Atkinson, Offg. Sub-Asst. Conservator, is appointed to a substantive vacancy in that grade and is transferred to the Punjab, vice Mr. M. A. T. Dick, deceased, 2nd Aug. 1872.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Under the provisions of Act XII. of 1868 H. E. the Viceroy and Govr. Genl. in Council is pleased, from 1st Oct. 1872, to suspend the operation of Sec. 17 of Act XI. of 1841 (for consolidating and amending the regulations concerning Military Courts of Requests for Native officers and soldiers in the service of the East India Company) in the Cantonment of Mhow.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. F. de H. Larpent made over charge of the Office of Dy. Accts. Genl., Punjab, to Mr. R. A. Fink on the afternoon of the 23rd ult., and received charge of that office from Mr. Fink on the forenoon of the 14th inst.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned officer is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the date specified, subject to the confirmation of the Rt. Hon. the Secy. of State for India :—

Lt. Charles Comyn Egerton, of the 76th Foot, 2nd Wing Subn., 6th Punjab Infantry, Punjab Frontier Force, 30th May 1871.

The undermentioned officers are allowed furlough to Europe on medical certificate :—

Asst. Surg. Daniel O'Connell Raye, M.D., of the Medl. Dept., Garrison Asst. Surg., Fort William, for two years under the Regulations of 1868.

Captain Frank Edward Johnstone, of the Genl. List, Inf., for two years under the Regulations of 1868.

Capt. (Brev. Major) John Lewis Loch, of the late 2nd European L. C., Dy. Commr., Nimar, Central Provinces, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs, for two years under the Regulations of 1868, embarking at Bombay.

The following Order, issued by the Govt. of Bombay, is confirmed :—

Granting furlough to Europe on medical certificate to Lt. Sydney Drummond Turnbull, of the Ben. S. C., Adjt., 15th Bengal (Cureton's Mooltance) Cavalry, for two years under the Regulations of 1868.

The undermentioned officer of the Ben. S. C., having completed 26 years' service, is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel :—

Major Henry Evans Quin, 26th Aug. 1872.

The undermentioned officer of the Ben. S. C., having completed 20 years' service, is promoted to the rank of Major :—

Capt. Rowland Smith, 26th Aug. 1872.

The undermentioned officer of the Med. Dept., having completed 20 years' service, is promoted to the rank of Surg.-Major :—

Surg. Charles Thomas Paske, 26th Aug. 1872.

The undermentioned native medical pupils of the Nagpore Medical School, who were admitted into the service by G. G. O. No. 916, dated the 20th Oct. 1871, are permitted, at their own request, to resign the service :—

Sheik Khyrate, No. 264; and Bunshe Dhur, No. 267.

The services of the undermentioned officers of the Royal Engineers are placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with effect from the dates specified :—Scop.-Maj. Capt. (local Maj.) Beresford Lovett, from the 31st Aug.; 1st Second Capt. (local Maj.) O. B. C. St. John, from t warrant Sept. 1872.

The following temporary promotions are made in om the dat. grade of the Ordnance Commissariat Dept. :—

Assit. Commissary—Hony. Lt. J. C. Palmer to be Offg. Dy. Commissary, from 19th June 1872, until further orders.

Kelly, on leave on medical certificate—T. Ryan to be Offg. Asst. Dy. Asst. Commissary—Hony. Lt. vice Hony. Lt. Palphreyman, Commy., from 19th June until further orders.

The appointment of 7th Aug. 1872 is cancelled, and the officiating as Dy. Commy

G. G. O. No 815 of E. Tuson, M. D., of the Medl. Dept. are services of Surg. posal of H. Ex. the Commander-in-Chief.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Captain B. J. G Works, assumed charge of the 2nd Forozepore 4th Circle Military the 23rd July last, in addition to his own duties.

Div., 4th Circle, on Offg. Supt. Engrs. are confirmed in their

The under-mentio existing vacancies, with effect from 12th April appointments to fill

Mr. T. S. Isaac, Beng Major G. A. Crasster, R. E., N.-W. Provinces; Major R. C Major J. G. Forbes, R. E., Oudh; and Nizam's State Railway Irrigation Branch, N.-W. Provinces.

Major W. Jeffreys, R from the 1st Aug. 1872.

Major E. Perkins, R Military Works.

Qr. Mr. Sergt. D. S. R. E., of the Po granted three months' privilege leave with effect from which he may avail himself of it.

Mr. W. M. Vivian is appointed to the P. W. D. as an Apprentice on probation and posted to Bengal Establishment.

Mr. D. Morris is appointed to the P. W. D. as an Asst. grade, and posted to the Indus Valley State Railway from the 13th instant.

ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-C IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Simla, 27th August 1872.

With the sanction of Govt., the 1st Ben. Cav. is perm adopt the Regimental Chunda system in lieu of the Troop system, now existing.

With reference to G. O. C.C. of the 2nd Dec. 1871, p. 65 and Local Capt. M. H. Saward, R. A., having passed the scribed examination, is confirmed in the appointment of A.-d to Major Genl. Sir H. Tombs, K.C.B., V.C., commanding Oude Div., with effect from the 20th Nov. 1871.

Capt. A. Harden, Genl. List, Inf., is, at his own request, re ferred for duty, from the 11th N. I. to the 3rd Goorkha Regime

The undermentioned officers are permitted to join the Officers Surveying Class at the Thomason College, Roorkee, on the 1st Oct next, with permission to study therein till 1st May 1873 :—

Capt. W. A. Corbett, 62nd Foot; Capt. G. W. Smith, Foot; Capt. R. G. Birch, 6th Ben. Cav.; Capt. C. W. R. Eyre, 9th Ben. Cav.; Lt. R. T. E. Dowse, 2-12th Foot; Lt. E. Bellasis, 36th Foot; Lt. M. N. G. Kane, 72nd Foot; Lt. H. S. Gower, 107th Foot; Lt. C. Egan, 12th Ben. Cav.; and Lt. 17th Ben. Cav.

Lt. A. Porcelli, R. E., is qualified as Instr. in Army Signalling.

The leave granted A. W. H. Gelston, Instr. of Musketry 1st Batn. 3rd R G. O. C. C. 2nd May, p. 217, is cancelled at that officer's request.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Delhi Garrison Order, dated the 27th July 1872, appointing Lt. Col. R. A. Napper, Bengal S. C., to officiate as Station Staff Officer, in the room of Capt. G. B. Wolseley, appointed Offg. Brigade Major of Morar, with effect from the 15th idem.

12th Ben. Cav.—Regtl. Order, dated the 9th Aug. 1872, appointing Capt. M. J. Moore, on promotion to his present rank, to officiate as Adjt., with effect from the 16th May 1872.

8th N.I.—Regtl. Order, dated the 28th July 1872, making the following temporary arrangements during the absence of Major A. Taylor, 2nd in Comd., and Lt. C. J. Walter, Adjt., at Dum Dum, for the purpose of undergoing a course of musketry instruction :—

Capt. R. Smith, Wing Officer, to officiate as 2nd in Comd.

Capt. A. D. Campbell, attached, to officiate as Wing Officer.

Lt. A. Fisher, 1st Wing Subn., to officiate as Adjt. in addition to his other duties.

21st N. I.—Regtl Order, dated the 1st Oct. 1871, making the following temporary appointments, during the absence, on leave, of Capt. J. M. Stewart, or until further orders :—

Lt. G. H. C. Dyce, Qr. Mr. and Offg. Adjt. to officiate as 2nd in Comd. and Wing Officer.

Lt. H. H. Swetenham, 2nd Wing Subn, to officiate as Adjt. in addition to his other duties.

Dated the 14th Oct. 1871, making the following temporary appointments, consequent on the return, from privilege leave, of Capt. J. G. T. Carruthers and Lt. W. Harris :—

Capt. J. G. T. Carruthers, Adjt. and Offg. Wing Officer, to officiate as Second in Comd. and Wing Officer.

Lt. G. H. C. Dyce, Qr. Mr. and Offg. Adjt. to officiate as Wing Officer.

Lt. W. Harris, 1st Wing Subn. and Offg. Qr. Mr. to officiate as Adjutant.

Lt. H. H. Swetenham, 2nd Wing Subn., to officiate as Qr. Mr., in addition to his other duties.

[This cancels the order confirmed at page 535 of G. O. C. C. dated 14th October 1871.]

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

R. H. A.—2nd Capt. E. S. Burnett, (A. Bat., A. Brig.) to Mussoorie, from the 15th Aug. to the 15th Oct., on private affairs, in extension.

Asst. Surg. W. Taylor, M.D., (B. Bat., F. Brig.,) to remain at Kussowlie, from the 28th July to the 28th Aug., on medical certificate, in extension of leave, on private affairs.

21st Hussars.—Lt. and Local Capt. H. Coghlan, to England, per troopship via the Cape, to appear before a medical board.

[This cancels the leave granted by G. O. C. C. of the 10th Jan. last, p. 14.]

R. A.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Voyle, (late 25th Brig.,) to England, from the date of being relieved of his duties as Gunpowder Agent, on private affairs, preparatory to his retirement from the service.

Capt. (Local Lt.-Col.) J. Hunter, (No. 5 Bat. 24th Brig.) to England, on private affairs, from date of embarkation, preparatory to his retirement from the service.

12th Foot, (2nd Bat.)—Asst. Surg. B. Reed, to remain in England, from the 6th Dec. 1872 to the 5th March 1873, on private affairs, in extension.

60th Foot, (3rd Bat.)—Lt. P. A. J. Hope-Johnstone, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

63rd Foot—Lt. A. G. Millar, to Bombay, for one month from date of leaving regiment, to appear before a medical board.

99th Foot.—Qr. Mr. T. G. Gilby, to remain in England, from the 24th Augt. to the 2nd Oct., in extension.

Late 5th European L. C.—Capt. A. K. J. C. Mackenzie, (attached to the 18th Ben. Cav.) to Cashmere, from date of availing himself of it to the 15th Oct., on medical certificate.

Ben. Inf.—Major General W. F. Nuthall, to Bombay, for one month, from date of availing himself of it, preparatory to furlough to Europe, on private affairs.

Genl. List, Inf.—Capt. H. I. Baylis, (1st Wing Subn. 39th N. I.), to Nynee Tal, from the 27th July to the 27th Nov., on urgent private affairs.

British Medl. Staff.—Staff Asst. Surg. J. Fleming, Bombay, for one month, from date of a appear before a medical board.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.		Mail closes.		Arrival of packet.
United Kingdom	Sept. 6	...	3-30 P.M.	...	4-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	" 11	...	11 A.M.	...	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Bushire	" 4	...	11 A.M.	...	12 A.M.
China	" 9	...	3 P.M.	}	No afternoon packet.
Australia	" 21	...	3 P.M.		
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	" 6	...	3-30 P.M.	...	4-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay every Friday at 5 P.M.

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 3-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 1-30 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 1 P.M.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 3-30 to 4-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1 P.M.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1872. The hour of the steamer's departure is 5 P.M. :—

Friday	Sept. 6	Monday	...	Nov.	4
"	" 13	"	...	"	12
"	" 20	"	...	"	11
"	" 27	"	...	"	28
Monday	" 30	"	...	Dec.	5
"	Oct. 7	"	...	"	9
"	" 14	"	...	"	16
"	" 21	"	...	"	23
"	" 28	"	...	"	30

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REVISED TABLE of the hours for closing the Inland Mails, which came into force from the 1st October, and will continue so until further notice :—

MAILS.	At General Post Office. Ordinary Letters, &c.	At General Post Office. After-Packet.	At Branch Offices.
For Bengal, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, Central Provinces, Malwa, Berar, and for the following Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway—Wassind, Kopergaon, Manmar, Nandgaum, Chalisgaum; and those in Bhoosawul to Jubbulpore and Burnul to Nagpore, Seoni, Nassick, Ruttanpoore, Kamptee	8 A.M.	9-30 A.M.	7-30 A.M.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Bhoosawul only.	4 A.M.	5 P.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For all Post Towns on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway for Poona, Deccan, S. M. Country, and Madras Presidency; also for Ahmednuggur and Seroor	8-30 A.M.	10 A.M.	7-30 A.M.
For ditto on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona	12 noon.	1-30 P.M.	11-30 A.M.
For ditto on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for General, Kurrachee, Sind, Kattiawar, and Kutch	4 P.M.	6 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous days.
For ditto in Southern Concan, viz., for Penn, Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Dapoolee, and Ratnaghurry	6 A.M.	.....	5 P.M. of previous day.

Registered letters and parcels for despatch by all mails will be received, except on Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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The Bombay Gazette.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1872.

WE publish to-day a letter from gentleman lately resident on the East Coast of Africa, in which he suggests that Zanzibar should be taken or purchased by the British authorities, and not Mombas, as Dr. Livingstone proposes. But before discussing it is necessary to inquire what B and if it wants have in our own rium, where the the island of Z select, and by ere long, mor kong. But rather that and in orde rational way in the secon that peop unhealt that no be so called, is *scenic effect*. The scene of the period is of that character that repetitio on serves rather to increase the effect than to less the pleasure. One hundred nights of the most sparkling comedy ever written, acted only with the aid of two chairs and a table, would tire the most indefatigable enthusiast; but one hundred nights of a play, well written and well put on the stage, are endurable, especially considering the extent of the modern play-going public. Where ten persons went fifty years ago, five thousand flock to the doors now, and it would be in every way a loss to have only twelve nights of representation of a complicated play with elaborate scenery. The exigencies of the period require a long run for plays, and however dramatic authors may consider their art ruined, they must blame the increase of wealth and population, not any want of appreciation. Many authors attack the dramatic taste of the period; but that is scarcely fair, unless they distinctly decline to what they refer. If there be a want of wit and humour in the dialogue or action of the play, surely the public are not to blame, but rather the authors. If the public prefer a bad play and good scenic effects, are they not justified in preferring the good scenic effects, and especially when only indifferently well written plays and no sensational effects are offered them. In the one case their eye and imagination are satisfied, whilst in the other they are obliged to sit out a great deal of rubbish, which, according to the ideas of the past generation, was legitimate, but which have no relationship to the present time. From this it may be thought that the sensational school has claims to preference; but that is not our meaning. The intellectual school of the period has many more advantages intrinsically in itself than the sensational. It appeals to the higher and more cultivated classes; it depends on neither too much nor too little either of scenic effect or of art and humour. Not bad specimens of this school are Mr. Robertson's "Society," while of the sensational school we may mention Mr. Boucicault's "Never too late to Mend" as a favourable specimen. These two dramas are distinctly written for two essentially different publics: the one serving to show the weak side of good society, and the other the temptations and misfortunes which attend poverty and lead to crime. Yet both had as long a run as the most sanguine manager could desire, and were written for a special purpose both of all classes; and what from this, but that both th of intellectual and of to bring together the two which respectively take ies. It would certainly more frequently put that class to which when they have rably have made ing second rate, the success of are invari- w that

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

BLASCHECK—SCHWALB—September 4th, at the Cathedral, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Adolphus Blaschech, Esq., to Catherina Schwalb.—No cards.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

EARLE—August 28th, at Dalhousie, the wife of Major E. L. Earle, Bengal Staff Corps, of a son.

HOWDEN—August 30th, at Hurda, Central Provinces, the wife of Mr. A. C. Howden, C. E., G. I. P. Railway, of a daughter.

HUDLESTON—August 22nd, at Chicacole, the wife of Major W. Hudleston, Staff Corps of a son.

LOWIS—August 28th, at Ranchi, the wife of Captain N. Lowis, Assistant Commissioner, of a daughter.

MASON—August 28th, at Quilon, the wife of Lieut. Col. Mason, 23rd Regt. W. L. I., of a daughter.

WILSON—August 29th, at Mirzapore, the wife of John Rea Mawson, Esq., Opium Department, Sultanpore, Oudh, of a daughter.

MCLAUGHLIN—August 29th, at Jessore, the wife of F. H. McLaughlin, Esq., C.S., of a son.

WIGHTMAN—August 26th, at Nagpore, the wife of Sub-Conductor J. Wightman, Ordnance Department, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HANSON—August 25th, at Government House, Nynee Tal, Thomas Grey Hanson, Esq., B. C. S.

POWER—Aug. 21st, at Royapooram, Madras, Mary Ellen, the dearly loved child of John and Sarah Power, aged 7 months and 17 days.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE EGYPTIANS IN ABYSSINIA.

LONDON, 3RD SEPTEMBER.

The *Daily Telegraph* announces that Prince Kassa of Tigre has sent an ultimatum to the Egyptian army, requiring that they should quit Bogos, and threatening war in case of refusal. The Egyptian commander has refused, and will probably advance into Abyssinia.

The Czar goes to Berlin on the 5th, and the Emperor of Austria on the 6th instant.

Father Hyacinthe has announced his intended marriage.

The Geneva Arbitration is rapidly terminating.

LONDON, 3RD SEPTEMBER, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day closed quiet.

Fair Dhollera, 6 15-16d.

In the Manchester Market business has been checked by holders asking advanced prices.

7 lbs. Shirtings..... 8s.
8¼ " " ..... 9s. 6d.
40's Mule Twist..... 1s. 2½d.

Unfavourable advices have been received of the American cotton crop, which is estimated at 3½ million bales.

WE understand that the Chairman of the Bench of Justices has called a meeting of the Bench upon requisition for the 16th instant, to consider the proposed new Municipal Bill.

SIR JOHN STRACHEY will leave Bombay for England about the middle of November.

WE see the question whether Dr. Livingstone should not be knighted has been mooted in England.

THE gradual but steady rise in the price of iron has at last commenced to attract attention in Calcutta.

THE aggregate value of the Wynaad coffee shipped from the Malabar ports during the last thirty years is £4,370,000.

THERE has been a good deal of cholera at Kohat. Up to the 26th ultimo there had been 28 cases and 14 deaths in cantonments, and a few in the city.

A QUARREL, originating in the non-payment of tribute by the Coreans to the Japanese Government, seems likely to lead to hostilities in that part of the world.

THE small State of Travancore has shown us that tobacco can be taxed in this country, for we read that that State realized a revenue of nine lakhs last year from the duty on it.

THE tea crop in Assam threatens to be as disappointing as that of coffee in Ceylon. The blight is said to have attacked the plant, and expectations as to the outturn have shrunk 10 or 15 per cent.

IN consequence of the stock of small silver coins having run short, instructions have lately been issued by the Supreme Government to the Mint authorities to strike off a large amount of small silver bits to the extent of 50 lakhs of rupees.

DURING the fortnight ending 15th August Government promissory notes to the value of 10 lakhs of rupees were enfaced for payment of interest in London, and 20 lakhs re-transferred to India. The balance against India now stands at 74 lakhs.

THE *Civilian* states that energetic steps are being taken to bring the position of the English Civil Service, as regards the increased cost of living, under the attention of the Government. Committees are being formed in several departments, and a general movement will be inaugurated with a view to obtain a *pro rata* increase of salaries.

CAPTAIN LOCKWOOD, late A. D. C. to the Viceroy, has been compelled by ill-health to take two years' furlough; at the same time his many friends in India will feel satisfaction at know that he is not to remain idle, but has appointed one of the eight assist wing under the provisions of the n been with a tour of duty in L ant inspectors and parts of Yorkshire *Public Health Bill*, worth about £600 per The post is said to be from annum.

THE despatch fr India, on the sub om the Secretary of State for from engagi ject of prohibiting public officers ing in speculation in India, of date May 1862, has been re-published for general information. As doubt has been expressed regarding the application of the orders contained in the despatch, the Governor General gives notice that he will be prepared to enforce the principle therein laid down in regard to all public servants of whatever class or position.

THE Cabul news-writer gives the following account of the visit of the Russians to Yarkand, which, he says, may be relied on :—"While I was at Yarkand, four Russian officers with twelve sowars arrived at Tajkand, and it was reported that they had been sent by the Russian authorities at Agha Musjid. The Yarkand Vakil accompanied them. The Meer of Yarkand had received them very honourably, and had ordered his confidentials to show them all the important places in his territory. After spending a week at Yarkand, they, with the Meer's Vakil, left for Khatta, the place which the Meer has lately conquered."

A CORRESPONDENT tells us that the great incident in the "Octoroon," the photographing of "McCloskey" murdering the boy by a camera which had

HOME CRITICISM ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, 9TH AUGUST.

THE annual discussion on the Indian Budget has been more than usually interesting, thanks to the ability of Mr. Fawcett, who delivered on the occasion one of the most remarkable speeches ever made in the House of Commons. Mr. Grant Duff spoke for several hours to a badly attended House, and gave a number of statements and figures, all of which he could read from memoranda. But when Mr. Fawcett replied, which he did in a long speech, he entered into details as closely as Mr. Grant Duff, and supported his arguments by statements and figures all given from memory. I have several times expressed my very high admiration of Mr. Fawcett's ability, a humble testimony to the genius of one of the first statesmen and political economists of the day—and no one who read this speech can doubt that the member for Brighton, though deprived of sight, is yet more than a match for any man in the House except Mr. Gladstone. One is tempted to ask, what would he have been but for that unfortunate accident which deprived him in early life of his eyesight? But it is time I referred to the Budget. Mr. Grant Duff's speech is best dismissed with the contemptuous remark of the *Times* upon it, that it was but elaborate trifling.

Mr. Fawcett opened the campaign by one of those parliamentary tactics which nothing but practical acquaintance with the forms and procedure of the House can enable a man to undertake. According to rule the usual method is for the Under-Secretary of State to move that the speaker leave the chair in order that the House may resolve itself into a committee before which the Under-Secretary may deliver his budget, just as the English budget is treated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Unhappily, here the analogy ends, for the Indian budget is discussed briefly as a whole, and passed as a whole, there being no attempt to take a vote on each item as is done with the Imperial expenditure. Mr. Fawcett wanted to have the advantage of delivering his statement of the financial condition of India before the Under-Secretary had made his, and with this view he gave notice, some time ago, that upon the motion that the speaker leave the chair, and the House go into committee, he should move as an amendment a resolution condemnatory of the income-tax, based on an alleged expression of opinion to that effect by Lord Mayo. Accordingly, when the time came, Mr. Grant Duff and Mr. Fawcett rose together, and the former, having the precedence as a minister of the Crown, proceeded to speak, when Mr. Fawcett rose to order and claimed the right to move the amendment he had down upon the paper. Mr. Grant Duff, however, who, though a dwarf compared to Mr. Fawcett, intellectually is not unequal to him as a parliamentary tactician,—the latter art requiring nothing beyond the qualities which go to make up a sharp attorney,—proceeded to speak on the motion to go into committee, and thus carried his point, the speaker ruling that as he intended to conclude with a motion he was in order.

The debate commenced at the morning sitting on Tuesday and was continued at the evening sitting till near two o'clock, but the House both in the afternoon and evening sitting was in a condition when it could have been counted out, if any one had liked to propose it. In the evening sitting some one did propose it, but there were enough members in the smoking and reading rooms to prevent the effort being successful, and Mr. Eastwick, during whose speech the attempt was made, scolded the author of it and said it was not very creditable considering the time of year at which the budget had been brought forward that any one should have tried to get a count out. It may be necessary to explain to those of your readers, who are perhaps not very familiar with parliamentary procedure, that the counting out does not necessarily follow when there are less than forty members in the House. There may be one or two members only present, but the House could not be counted unless some member moved that it should be counted, or made some allusion to the thinness of the audience. The very slightest allusion is sufficient, but the rule is that unless there is such an allusion made, the office of the speaker to count cannot be exercised. Any member, if he wants to stop a debate, can move that the House be counted, and if in the course of a speech a member unhappily alludes to the paucity of members present, up jumps the speaker, as soon as the House is cleared of strangers, and begins to count. The presentation of the Indian budget annually is a complete farce. No wonder members will not stay to listen to it. It is a mystery to me that the good sense of the House does not revolt against the annual repetition of such a mockery of real business. Mr. Grant Duff failed even with the assistance of some dogged rhymes which he quoted—irrelevant to the subject as they were—to throw the least animation into the dreary announcement. He was very angry with Mr. Fawcett, but, as that gentleman remarked, when an Under-Secretary gets angry it is the best possible encouragement to his opponents to proceed with their agitation. It is difficult to see the reason for Mr. Grant Duff's irritability, probably at this period of the session the stock of good temper which Ministers commence the session with (never very large with Mr. Gladstone's Ministry) gets pretty well exhausted. But the jaded and weary House went into peals of laughter at the ludicrous exhibition of an Under-Secretary telling them he did not think Mr. Fawcett would have anything to say worth their hearing. The words were, "Upon the whole I do not see that the House can derive much light from the remarks which the honourable member for Brighton is going to make." Upon the financial operations of the Indian Government for the last few years Mr. Grant Duff was jubilant. One would suppose, to read his speech, there never had been any financial blunders in the Indian exchequer, at least not since the Liberals came into power. Before that, of course everything was out of gear. But now! Was there ever a budget like the Indian budget! Was there ever a country so prosperous as India! Perfect peace reigned throughout the land: the people were contented, happy, and prosperous. India revelled in 37 millions worth of public works—happy India! 7½ millions in roads and means of communication other than railways; 8 millions in canals, and other works of agricultural improvement; 1½ of a million in harbours and land reclaimed from the sea (including the Mutlah harbour, and the works on the quay of that thriving emporium and the Elphinstone land reclamation); 6½ millions in civil buildings (including the new High Court at Calcutta, which after repeated efforts at tumbling down have been prevailed upon to remain for a time in an erect position); 11½ millions in barracks and *other matters connected with the Army* (including the new barracks at Allahabad, Saugor, Jubbulpore and Nusseerabad, in spite of the symptoms of intoxication which those buildings have recently shown); and last, 2½ in State railways. Happy India—what country would not be prosperous under such conditions as these! Why, the merest tyro in political economy must see that to possess a hundred and eleven millions worth of barracks, must have reached the very *acme* of prosperity. But the long list of benefactions which the Liberals have poured upon India does not stop here. Dr. Hooker of Kew—there is no need however to tell us that Dr. Hooker is of Kew—that little fact is present to our recollection, thanks to Mr. Ayrton's courteous acknowledgment of the learned botanist's services to science. Dr. Hooker of Kew has in more ways than one rendered a cordial and able assistance to the Indian Government, especially in the matter of the publication of the long desired first volume of Indian Flora: and while the cash balances showed that India had at her bankers, on the 31st March, a sum of £24,983,440 (of which £2,824,091 is judiciously retained in England, for sudden and emergent calls,) Dr. Fayrer has brought out an exhaustive work on venomous snakes. "This noble friend," said Mr. Grant Duff, his eloquence rising to the occasion, "at the head of the India Office was in the closest communication, private as well as public, with all those who held in their hands the threads of the Indian government, and who knew whatever was to be known about the affairs of that country." Mr. Grant Duff's opportunities of obtaining information, it is to be presumed, are equally satisfactory, and it is extremely gratifying, and must, I feel certain, be very reassuring to all in India to know that Lord Mayo's lamented death *had no connection whatever with politics*.

Mr. Grant Duff alluded more than once to the opportunities of obtaining correct information on the affairs of India which the Government enjoy, and to what he called Mr. Fawcett's false position, in that while he was a member of the select committee,—a committee whose labours were not nearly concluded,—he took upon himself to speak authoritatively on a subject of enquiry before the committee. Mr. Grant Duff is singularly unfortunate in his logic. The *argumentum ad verecundiam* is a dead shell that won't go off: not even though you were to hold a lucifer match to the place where the fuse ought to be. Why! had he forgotten, or had he never read, the report of the committee this session, only presented the other day, which stated that the committee had been unable to arrive at any conclusion owing—what to—to the ignorance of the officials at the India Office of their duty; their inability to answer questions put to them; their inability to give the information required, and the committee express a hope that before next session they will be able to take measures to inform themselves of the facts which they ought to have had at their finger ends! Yet Mr. Grant Duff spoke as if no one had any knowledge of India but the officials of the India House, whereas on the committee's own showing,—that very committee to which he appeals,—it is shown they are so incompetent and so ill-informed, that the committee found it hopeless to attempt to go on with the enquiry, till, like idle schoolboys, they had been sent back to get up their lesson! In spite of the clearest evidence that the financial resources of India are exhausted, or all but exhausted, Mr. Grant Duff can find subject of exultation in the *fact* "that the Indian funds are in such a condition as to drive the enemies and the hostile critics of the British Government almost to despair." While on matters of finance, Mr. Fawcett absolutely crushed him—crumpled him up in such a way that, if he were not Grant Duff, he never could survive it. Mr. Torrens remarked that the blowing away by guns of 49 people by a Justice of the Peace (without trial) in the midst of a period of profound tranquility, the assassination of a Chief Justice and a Viceroy, were not usually considered indications of contentment and prosperity among a people. It is almost a pity Mr. Grant Duff did not conclude his speech with the following rhetorical firework:—"What mortal," he exclaimed in a burst of eloquence, "could form any idea of the coming finance. He (Mr. Grant Duff) could not: Sir Richard Temple could not: no one in England or India could do so; and all he would say on that point was, sufficient for the year was the finance thereof!" I presume you will reproduce Mr. Fawcett's speech in your columns. I need hardly therefore take up your space with extracts from it. Mr. Grant Duff's speech I think you will not reproduce. I should be ashamed that the educated natives of India should have any facilities afforded them for reading such a production. If I were a native of India a speech of that kind would drive me into despair or rebellion. It is difficult to conceive a stronger incitement to sedition than the speech of the Under-Secretary of State, in which he seems like a cat torturing a mouse or a mischievous boy spinning a cock-chafer to amuse himself with trifling over the miseries and sufferings of his victim. Mr. Fawcett began by complaining of the time when the Indian budget was brought forward. He then proceeded to show that while the expenditure of India was elastic the revenue was inelastic: to do this he went in order through all the different sources of revenue—the land tax, the salt tax, (in reference to which he said "it was a tax of from 500 to 2,500 per cent. upon the cost price of the article, the like of which the whole history of the world had never before seen,") the opium revenue, customs duties, abkari, stamps—in all these items the Government had drained the cup to the dregs: there was nothing left to be squeezed out of the people. As a native of India said to me the other day, "Everything in India is taxed now—the Government have only got one thing more they can possibly tax, and that is water. They wish to drain the heart's blood out of the country; India is a tropical country; water is a necessary of life, let them lay a tax upon water then, and they will get enough out of India to pay off the American claims." Mr. Fawcett then proceeded, all the while be it recollected quoting figures in support of each statement from memory, that while the revenue was inelastic the expenditure was elastic: the army was a source of unnecessary outlay; in numberless items of civil expenditure there had been a continuous increase in printing, household charges, the secretariat of public works, medical charges, in all of which he quoted figures. Then he alluded to the late great rise in prices, caused, as he considered, by the surplus of £230,000,000 of exports from India over imports, having been partly liquidated by the import of treasure into India of £172,500,000 and the drainage to England of the remaining 60,000,000 during the last eleven years. The import of the 172 and a half millions had naturally produced a rise in prices, and a similar effect had followed the increase of the paper currency. Then he went on to the income-tax, and, quoted Sir Charles Trevelyan, Mr. Laing, and Mr. Massey in support of his denunciation of it. He then proceeded to show how the account had been tampered with. How, for instance, an item of £427,000, put down in the accounts as income-tax, was shown, after much cross-examination, to be the accumulation arising from the sale of waste lands. How £115,000 of borrowed money had been thrown into the sea in the Alexandria and Malta cable: how when the telegraph being found a failure, the remains of it were sold at a large discount and the proceeds of the sale had been entered as *income!* How £240,000 had been credited to income, and turned out to be the capital of the military funds! We know what this sort of account keeping would be called in private life or in a banking or mercantile firm.

After this, this ruthless destroyer of Mr. Grant Duff's sophisms, like an impersonation of justice, blind, stern, and inexorable, applied his sledge hammer to the infamous system of Indian railway finance—robbery I call it. On the G. I. P., he said, 2,000 bridges, viaducts, and other necessary works would have to be reconstructed! Up to the present time £90,000,000 had been spent on railways, and the guaranteed interest Government had had to make up had been £33,000,000. On the Mutlah business and the S. E. Railway £600,000 had been thrown away. On the Scinde, Delhi, and Punjab Railway Government lost annually £400,000. Two millions had gone on Madras Irrigation Works, and so badly had they been constructed, that it was doubtful if anything would ever be recovered. The Orissa Irrigation Works, capital £1,000,000, had been bought at par, when they were quoted at £60 and £50,000 given as a *bonus* to the employés! £200,000 had been written off as a bad debt on the Calcutta Port Fund, and £250,000 more spent on the Port Canning failure. As for the probable loss in the Elphinstone land scheme he dared not attempt to estimate it. In addition to all this, they were about to expend £30,000,000 on State railways, to be constructed by a department which built barracks that tumbled down as soon as they were finished, and which, if they did not tumble down, turned out useless. After alluding again more at length to the income-tax, he warned the House against the increase of that insidious evil, local and provincial tenders, and he concluded a magnificent speech which was continued at the evening sitting with the following resolution:—

"That this House, considering the statements of the late Lord Mayo that 'a feeling of discontent and dissatisfaction exists among every class, both European and native, in our Indian Empire, on account of the constant increase of taxation which has for years been going on,' and that 'the continuance of that feeling is a political danger, the magnitude of which can hardly be over-estimated,' is of opinion that the Income-tax, which is generally admitted to be unsuited to the people of India, might during the coming financial year be dispensed with; and that other taxes exceptionally burdensome to the people of India might be considerably reduced, if the finances of that country were administered with adequate care and economy."

I have no space to dwell upon the other speeches. Mr. Torrens seconded the amendment; Mr. R. Fowler spoke against the Income-tax; so did Mr. E. Smith. Mr. Eastwick stood up for the Budget, the Income-tax and all. And so ended the debate at ten minutes past 2, but the effect of Mr. Fawcett's speech will be lasting. If the picture he has drawn of the state of the Indian finance—a subject to which he for years applied the energies of a master mind—be a little overdrawn, it will but serve to attract attention to a condition of things that, despite Mr. Grant Duff's silly platitudes, and superficial, empty, trifling nonsense, unworthy a fifth form boy in a school debating society, is very serious. I only hope that Mr. Grant Duff's speech will not be taken by those that read it in India as representing either the tone with which the English people is inclined to speak of India, or the spirit in which they are prepared to fulfil their obligations to that great country.

I am sorry I cannot do more than just notice in passing, with much regret, the grossly unfair manner in which the Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* treats Mr. Forsyth, who clearly has been, like the unfortunate Kookas, condemned (though not quite blown away) without a hearing. The writer in the *Times* would imply that Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Cowan, one or other, or both, between them have been guilty of tampering with the wording of an official letter, an imputation on the honour of those "gentlemen, which all who know them will resent with indignation. Mr. Forsyth never made use of the words, for using which he has been pilloried and (so far as his removal was a punishment) punished. It is the custom of the Indian Government to condemn people without a hearing, otherwise they would have spared themselves from committing an act of injustice on an official who, for his past career, has deserved well of his country.

ZANZIBAR AND MOMBAS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Your issue of yesterday quoted from the London *Times* an interesting letter from Sir Bartle Frere, accompanying extracts from a letter written to him by Dr. Livingstone, in the course of which it is suggested, as a means of discouragement, or possible suppression of the slave trade, to occupy Mombas with a colony of native Christians, to be brought from the west coast.

The subject of slavery would appear at last seriously to have entered the minds of people in England, and cannot be without some interest here. I wish, therefore, to draw attention to what, I think, will be found an inaccuracy on the part of Dr. Livingstone, and one that had evidently been inadvertently endorsed by Sir Bartle Frere.

Mombas is spoken of by Dr. Livingstone as still appertaining to the English Government, but this is most assuredly a mistake. Mombas does not belong to the English Government; nor has the English Government exercised, or sought to exercise, control there, more than in any other part of the Zanzibar territory for considerably over a quarter of a century, that is since the British troops were formally withdrawn from there, and the place made over by the British Government to the late Imaum, Syed Sayed.

It may seem presumptuous on my part, and might seem almost so on the part of my one, to question the opinion of so great an authority as Dr. Livingstone, but then it must be remembered that Dr. Livingstone's local knowledge of the island and immediately adjacent coast of Zanzibar cannot, from his few months' residence there, be very great.

I am at a loss to see, nor does he at all clearly point out, the advantages to be gained by the formation of a Christian settlement at Mombas, even were Mombas, as he supposes, still ours.

Mombas, as a town of some size, as an agricultural centre, and as one of the ports for shipment to Zanzibar of ivory, copal, and other legitimate products of the interior, is certainly of some importance, but it is not like Keelwa an enterpot and centre of the slave trade.

If Dr. Livingstone had said plainly, what I really think he must have meant, namely, to make the Island of Zanzibar itself a Christian settlement, such as he proposes, I think I may say, without much fear of contradiction, that there is not at this moment a Christian resident on the island but would admit the soundness of the proposition, and if it would be right to appropriate, to such a purpose, the town and the district of Mombas, why not the town and island of Zanzibar itself?

Slave trading upon the western coast of Africa may be said to have died out, and it now only remains to banish it from the eastern coast. It there exists, in the two forms of domestic slavery, which the British Government still tolerates, and in the form of export slavery, which the British Government has ceased to tolerate, and tries hard to suppress, but cannot.

Now so long as domestic slavery is permitted on the three islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, and the smaller and less important one of Mouffa, just so long will the export of slaves to the north continue, in spite of all measures that may be used for its suppression.

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Now the occupation of these three islands by the British Government, and the administration of their affairs, in no way involves an act of injustice, or violent usurpation of territory to which we have no pretence of claim. It will be seen that a portion at least of this territory has already belonged to, and was voluntarily given by England to the Arab Government of Zanzibar; and, moreover than this, it is extremely problematical whether the present Government of Zanzibar would not long since have collapsed but for British protection; some deference, then, is surely due from that Government to the desire of England for the suppression of the trade in slaves.

Nor need the occupation of these three islands by England be a permanent one. Within fifty years two generations would have passed away, the supply of labour would have formed new channels, and even if derived from the same source would have settled itself into other and more legitimate grooves than at present. The landowners of that day would have learned that labour could be bought, without buying the bone and sinew that supplied it. The buying and selling of human beings would, by the expiration of that time, have become a thing of the past, never again to be resorted to. Then might things be in safety restored to their present state, and such a future would have been opened to Zanzibar, as its present internal economy can never justify a hope for.

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The footing upon which these two Sultans stand in respect to each other is simply this—the Arab, in effect, says to the Swahili, "You shall retain all the 'pomp and circumstance' that you have ever had; you shall be supplied with an ample income for the support of your title and dignity; I will relieve you of all the trouble and responsibilities of governing your country and administering your revenues; and all I ask in return is, that you will stand out of my way." Now suppose, for example, the British Government saying something equivalent to this to the present Arab Sultan; could it be thought for any one an act of injustice? If so, then the request might modified thus,—"You have broken faith with us, and all we now ask of you is, that you be so good as stand out of our way *for fifty years.*"

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To stop the slave trade, or any other trade, one of two things is indispensible: either to cut off the supply, and so drive the demand into new channels, or lead the demand into new and better channels, and by this means cause the old supply to cease. Teach, on the one hand, the Arab and other slaveholders—what is now a well known fact—that paid labour is cheaper and better than slave labour, and on the other hand, do what would be found much less difficult—open to the slave selling parents of Ujiji, a market for the produce of their own and their children's labour, by the establishment of a means of cheap transit to the coast, and slavery would of itself die out.—Yours, &c.,

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3, Grant Buildings, 3rd Sept.

CASH OR CREDIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The two words which I have chosen as the title to this letter are well known as making the difference of prices in almost every tradesman's advertisement, but I for one have failed to discover the real advantage of cash over credit. For instance, if I go to Messrs. Asphalt and Co., on the 26th inst., and buy a railway rug and ask them to let me pay for it on the first proximo, they will tell me that I shall have to pay credit prices, as it will be entered in their books as a debt, *i. e.*, I shall have to pay them a commission of about 10 per cent. for the favour of their waiting four days for payment. Tradesmen generally would therefore do their customers a kindness if they would distinctly state, as Messrs. Treacher and Co. do, the terms on which they do business. A month's credit at least should be, in my opinion, always allowed at cash prices. It would also be no end of a convenience if tradesmen would not dun their customers in the way many of them do. If they give credit and charge credit prices I maintain that they should not expect to be paid until a proper time has elapsed. The way in which some firms will bother for payment of a box of pills, or a small bundle of cheroots, or a pot of jam, need not, I should have thought, have been worth the trouble of making out the bill and sending for payment, and that items like these might wait till they were increased. The obstinate and often insolent manner in which *puttewallas* hang round one's bungalow the moment pay-day dawns is one of the nuisances of Bombay, especially when one doesn't get the benefit of credit prices. I am told that it is the habit of a respectable firm in Church Gate Street to send out a memo. of their account and not a receipted bill, with an intimation that if it is not paid within a certain time advanced credit prices will be charged. This is as it should be. I should, however, be glad if the cash or credit-wallahs would explain the superior advantage of one price over the other in cases when it is not a money-down transaction—an occurrence which is the exception and not the rule in India, as people are not in the habit of carrying money about with them. QUERY.

THE TAPTEE CANAL.

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SIR,—There is one point in connection with the proposed Taptee Canal which may be worthy of more consideration, and that is the scanty perennial supply of water in proportion to the size and cost of the project. The scheme will cost, with interest on outlay, at least half a million sterling, with the result of securing at most three hundred cubic feet of water per second as a perennial supply. Some less quantity, allowing for evaporation and leakage, will remain available for irrigation. According to the highest estimate given, as I understand, 30,000 acres will be irrigated perennially. That is an advantage, no doubt; but it is not like Keelwa an enterpot and centre of the slave trade.

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But it may be objected, that even if this were done it would oppose no effectual barrier to the export of slaves from the ports of the main land; and to make the answer to this objection more clearly understood, it must be mentioned that the only ports upon the coast from which slaves could be exported, are those to which the slaves can be brought from the interior; and they are very few.

A glance at a chart of the coast will show the limits within which all those ports are confined. Keelwa is now the port to which at least nine-tenths of the slaves from the interior are at present brought. This port to the south, and Mombas to the north, will be found about equi-distant from the Island of Zanzibar, and may be considered to bound the limits within which slaves could be exported. The ports, as I have before said, are few; and the check of a Government agent at each one of them, for a few years, would effectually prevent any export of slaves taking place; for they could not be assembled to any extent without his knowledge, and certainly not shipped without his cognizance.

To stop the slave trade, or any other trade, one of two things is indispensible: either to cut off the supply, and so drive the demand into new channels, or lead the demand into new and better channels, and by this means cause the old supply to cease. Teach, on the one hand, the Arab and other slaveholders—what is now a well known fact—that paid labour is cheaper and better than slave labour, and on the other hand, do what would be found much less difficult—open to the slave selling parents of Ujiji, a market for the produce of their own and their children's labour, by the establishment of a means of cheap transit to the coast, and slavery would of itself die out.—Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH POLLOCK.

3, Grant Buildings, 3rd Sept.

CASH OR CREDIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The two words which I have chosen as the title to this letter are well known as making the difference of prices in almost every tradesman's advertisement, but I for one have failed to discover the real advantage of cash over credit. For instance, if I go to Messrs. Asphalt and Co., on the 26th inst., and buy a railway rug and ask them to let me pay for it on the first proximo, they will tell me that I shall have to pay credit prices, as it will be entered in their books as a debt, *i. e.*, I shall have to pay them a commission of about 10 per cent. for the favour of their waiting four days for payment. Tradesmen generally would therefore do their customers a kindness if they would distinctly state, as Messrs. Treacher and Co. do, the terms on which they do business. A month's credit at least should be, in my opinion, always allowed at cash prices. It would also be no end of a convenience if tradesmen would not dun their customers in the way many of them do. If they give credit and charge credit prices I maintain that they should not expect to be paid until a proper time has elapsed. The way in which some firms will bother for payment of a box of pills, or a small bundle of cheroots, or a pot of jam, need not, I should have thought, have been worth the trouble of making out the bill and sending for payment, and that items like these might wait till they were increased. The obstinate and often insolent manner in which *puttewallas* hang round one's bungalow the moment pay-day dawns is one of the nuisances of Bombay, especially when one doesn't get the benefit of credit prices. I am told that it is the habit of a respectable firm in Church Gate Street to send out a memo. of their account and not a receipted bill, with an intimation that if it is not paid within a certain time advanced credit prices will be charged. This is as it should be. I should, however, be glad if the cash or credit-wallahs would explain the superior advantage of one price over the other in cases when it is not a money-down transaction—an occurrence which is the exception and not the rule in India, as people are not in the habit of carrying money about with them. QUERY.

THE TAPTEE CANAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—There is one point in connection with the proposed Taptee Canal which may be worthy of more consideration, and that is the scanty perennial supply of water in proportion to the size and cost of the project. The scheme will cost, with interest on outlay, at least half a million sterling, with the result of securing at most three hundred cubic feet of water per second as a perennial supply. Some less quantity, allowing for evaporation and leakage, will remain available for irrigation. According to the highest estimate given, as I understand, 30,000 acres will be irrigated perennially. That is an advantage, no doubt; but it is not like Keelwa an enterpot and centre of the slave trade.

If Dr. Livingstone had said plainly, what I really think he must have meant, namely, to make the Island of Zanzibar itself a Christian settlement, such as he proposes, I think I may say, without much fear of contradiction, that there is not at this moment a Christian resident on the island but would admit the soundness of the proposition, and if it would be right to appropriate, to such a purpose, the town and the district of Mombas, why not the town and island of Zanzibar itself?

Slave trading upon the western coast of Africa may be said to have died out, and it now only remains to banish it from the eastern coast. It there exists, in the two forms of domestic slavery, which the British Government still tolerates, and in the form of export slavery, which the British Government has ceased to tolerate, and tries hard to suppress, but cannot.

Now so long as domestic slavery is permitted on the three islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, and the smaller and less important one of Mouffa, just so long will the export of slaves to the north continue, in spite of all measures that may be used for its suppression.

Domestic slavery to any serious extent can only exist upon the islands, for there, there is no escape; the slave may run away—and slaves are continually doing so—but only to be hunted down and brought back to his owner. The slave holder would have no security for the safe custody of his slaves upon the mainland; from the coast they might find their way back again to the country they had been brought from, or would be restrained from seeking it, only by the attachment to their masters, that better and more honest treatment might awaken in them.

Now the occupation of these three islands by the British Government, and the administration of their affairs, in no way involves an act of injustice, or violent usurpation of territory to which we have no pretence of claim. It will be seen that a portion at least of this territory has already belonged to, and was voluntarily given by England to the Arab Government of Zanzibar; and, moreover than this, it is extremely problematical whether the present Government of Zanzibar would not long since have collapsed but for British protection; some deference, then, is surely due from that Government to the desire of England for the suppression of the trade in slaves.

Nor need the occupation of these three islands by England be a permanent one. Within fifty years two generations would have passed away, the supply of labour would have formed new channels, and even if derived from the same source would have settled itself into other and more legitimate grooves than at present. The landowners of that day would have learned that labour could be bought, without buying the bone and sinew that supplied it. The buying and selling of human beings would, by the expiration of that time, have become a thing of the past, never again to be resorted to. Then might things be in safety restored to their present state, and such a future would have been opened to Zanzibar, as its present internal economy can never justify a hope for.

It may not be, and I think it is not very generally known, that Zanzibar has two Sultans: it has an Arab Sultan, descended from Syed Sayed, the first Arab Sultan of Zanzibar—who may be called, and is there called the Sultan of the town—and a Swahili Sultan, who may be, and is there considered to be, the Sultan of the country—this last one being descended from a long line of Saltans of the Swahili race, that is a race now numerous and powerful, springing from the followers of the Prophet Mahomed, on his invasion of that coast; to some extent, admixed with aboriginal blood.

The footing upon which these two Sultans stand in respect to each other is simply this—the Arab, in effect, says to the Swahili, "You shall retain all the 'pomp and circumstance' that you have ever had; you shall be supplied with an ample income for the support of your title and dignity; I will relieve you of all the trouble and responsibilities of governing your country and administering your revenues; and all I ask in return is, that you will stand out of my way." Now suppose, for example, the British Government saying something equivalent to this to the present Arab Sultan; could it be thought for any one an act of injustice? If so, then the request might modified thus,—"You have broken faith with us, and all we now ask of you is, that you be so good as stand out of our way *for fifty years.*"

In the face of the serious diminution of revenue, which must very shortly make itself felt, as an inevitable consequence of the overwhelming disasters that have lately befallen Zanzibar, such a proposition, it is reasonable to suppose, would be regarded as a very welcome means of escape from the embarrassments of a position by no means enviable; and the deficit, if there should be found to be one, would be but a trifle, for England to take upon itself, for the accomplishment of

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BOMBAY.

THE NEW MUNICIPAL BILL.—It is stated that a movement is being set on foot to memorialize Government against the new Municipal Bill.

CHOLERA.—Three cases of cholera were reported to have occurred on Tuesday—two at the Piquet, Esplanade Cross Road, and one in the Borah Bazaar Street, Fort.

POLICE FINES.—During last month between two and three thousand rupees were recovered by the several Police Courts on account of fines and fees levied by the Courts.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN BOMBAY POLICE COURTS.—Nearly 12,000 persons were brought before the several Police Courts during the half-year ending 30th June last.

ASSAULT.—A Goanese named Bastiao Jose was yesterday charged before Mr. Woodward with assaulting one Augustine Cano, and on conviction was fined seven rupees.

THE POOR-BOX.—The Senior Magistrate acknowledges with thanks the receipt of eight rupees from Framjee Ruttonjee Khokawalla, contributed to the Fort Police Court poor-box.

THEFT.—Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday sentenced a Mahratta named Cassia Bapoo, a notorious character, to six months' imprisonment for stealing a saree belonging to Jumna, woman.

CRIMINAL CASES.—Up till yesterday the several Magistrates of Police had committed seventeen cases for the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court, which commence on the 10th.

GAMBLERS.—Shaik Cassum Munajee and another were charged before Mr. Nana Morojee yesterday with gaming with dice and money in a public thoroughfare, and were each fined two rupees.

TRESPASS.—A Mahratta named Baboo Janoo was yesterday fined by the Senior Magistrate twenty rupees, for being found in a building without giving any satisfactory account of his presence therein.

THE DISPUTE BETWEEN A PARSEE HUSBAND AND HIS WIFE.—Judgment was to be delivered yesterday in the case of Ardaseer Jehanghier Framjee vs. Awabaee, his wife, but it has been postponed till Wednesday the 11th inst.

STRIPES.—Yesterday, in the Fort Police Court, a Hindoo named Mahadoo Hurry was convicted of stealing a box belonging to a Borah named Abdool Ally, and sentenced by Mr. Nana Morojee to receive ten stripes.

SHOP LIFTING.—At the Fort Police Court yesterday, a man named Nathoo Cassum was charged before Mr. Nana Morojee for stealing seven annas from the shop of one Motee Wagha, and was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

COMMITTED TO THE SESSIONS.—Mr. Woodward, Acting Second Magistrate of Police, yesterday committed one Baboo Bindrabin for trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the High Court for stealing certain gold ornaments.

THE INSOLVENCY COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Gibbs presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday.

PETITIONS WITHDRAWN.

Merwanjee Bejonjee and Sorabjee Muncherjee, who some time ago carried on with another the business of dubashes and general merchants, under the name of Byramjee and Merwanjee and Co., were allowed to withdraw their petition.—Thomas Bernard Coulson, a livery stable keeper, was also allowed to withdraw his petition.

PETITIONS DISMISSED.

The petitions of the undermentioned insolvents were dismissed:—Nanchund Ruttonsey, Moolvy Abdoola Ebrahim, and Thucker Premjee Bhoja.

RE NUSSERWANJEE HORMUSJEE.

Mr. Budroodin Tyabjee appeared for the insolvent; and Mr. Bal Mungesh for an opposing creditor. The case was opposed on several grounds, which were to a great extent met

THE INDIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

REPORT ON STATE RAILWAYS BY GUILFORD L. MOLESWORTH, ESQ., CONSULTING ENGINEER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR STATE RAILWAYS.

1. As a year has elapsed since I arrived in India to undertake the duties of Consulting Engineer to the Government of India for State Railways, I deem it desirable to lay before the Government a connected statement of my general views with regard to State Railways. . . .

2. Until lately, nearly all railways in India have been constructed and worked by Companies on the guarantee system. Under this system the Government ordinarily guarantees interest at the rate of 5 per cent. on all capital expended under sanction, the Government sharing with the Company the revenue, *if any*, beyond 5 per cent. or making up any deficiency. The guarantee is for 99 years, but Government has the power of purchasing after 25 or 50 years at the mean market price of shares during the three previous years. . . .

3. Such has been the system pursued hitherto, but it has now been decided that, with a few exceptions, all railways shall be, for the future, constructed and worked directly by the State. Of the wisdom of this step, so far as Government is concerned, there can scarcely be two opinions. Under the guarantee system, the Government practically raises the money on loan, but has not the entire management of its expenditure. The Government has every thing to lose but nothing to gain.

In the majority of cases there is no probability that the revenue will exceed the guaranteed interest, consequently the company is not directly interested in economy or retrenchment; the shareholder's dividend must remain the same, no matter what the revenue may be. The control exercised by Government, though very necessary, is by no means an unmixed benefit, and frequently it not only places the Government in a false position, but gives rise to divided responsibility. The practical man, thoroughly versed in the working of railways, feels annoyed and irritated at the criticisms or interference of those who have had but little experience of the subject, and this must sometimes be the case in a service where promotion is frequent; a spirit of antagonism is bred between the Government and railway official, which is prejudicial to the interests of the railway, but of which the directors in England are scarcely conscious, and at all events powerless to prevent. On the other hand, the Government official unacquainted with the minutiæ of working, is very likely to impose restrictions which interfere with the liberty of action and indirectly produce detrimental results. . . .

13. The State Railways at present either completed, in progress, or proposed, are 19 in number, the total length being about 2,800 miles, exclusive of trial lines and alternative surveys. Sixty-eight miles of these railways have been opened for traffic, 861 are in course of construction, and the remainder have been surveyed or are under survey. The annexed list gives the leading characteristics of these railways; their position is shown on the accompanying map.

15. The Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway is 29 miles long. It was constructed by a company under the guarantee system, with the view of opening communication between Calcutta and the Mutlah for developing a trade at Port Canning, thus relieving the port of Calcutta on the Hooghly, and avoiding the difficult and intricate navigation of that river; it was partially opened for traffic in 1862, and fully opened in 1863, but the expectations of its projectors were never realized. The attractions of Port Canning were insufficient to draw the shipping from Calcutta. Moreover, the river made some inroads and destroyed the jetty at the Mutlah terminus.

The working expenses exceeded the traffic receipts, and the Indian Government having determined that the deficit should be deducted from the guaranteed interest, the shareholders determined to surrender the railway to Government. In 1868 the railway was, therefore, transferred to Government, and became a State Railway, the Government repaying the capital of £335,000.

Until last year there has been a loss in working the Calcutta and South-Eastern Railway.

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In 1868 there was a deficit of	3,309
„ 1869 „ „ „	3,679
„ 1870 „ „ „	758
„ 1871 „ „ a profit of	169

16. The Punjab Northern Railway from Lahore to Peshawar was at first intended to have been an extension of the Punjab Railway company's line. Mr. Brunton reported generally upon it, and Mr. Power estimated the probable cost of a line of the standard gauge from Lahore to Peshawar at £4,000,000, of which the large bridges over the Ravee, Chenab, Jhelum, and Indus would cost £720,000, but the Rawul Pindee Committee arrived at the conclusion that the line might be made for £5,000,000.

The total length of the line will be about 280 miles, exclusive of the length of a branch to the Pin-dadan-Khan Salt-mines. The line is intended chiefly for political and strategical purposes; but there will be a considerable salt traffic, and Sir Robert Motgomery expressed his belief that it would draw out a trade from Afghanistan and Central Asia, which would in a few years become immensely developed.

The salt traffic is estimated at about 100,000 tons annually. There will also be hill traffic from Cashmere,—sugar exports, potatoes, limestone, &c; but almost all authorities agree that the traffic alone will be insufficient to justify the construction of this railway, but that the strategical advantages which it will afford render the construction of the line necessary.

The country between Lahore and Jhelum is very level, and would present but few natural obstacles to the construction of a railway, were it not for the formidable rivers which have to be crossed. The only heavy earthworks are on the Khurian Pass, which is surmounted by gradients not exceeding 1 in 100; on this pass there are several heavy cuttings in indurated clay, which, though hard as rock, is affected by water. The large rivers of the Ravee, the Chenab, and the Jhelum, have to be crossed by bridges about 17,000 lineal feet in the aggregate. The cost of these bridges, including protective works, is estimated at £1,125,000.

The cost of the line between Lahore and Jhelum, exclusive of these large bridges and their protective works, will be about £6,400 per mile.

There are also some minor bridges and large flood openings which are dry except during heavy rains. The railway for the greater portion of its length between Lahore and Jhelum runs on the side of the trunk road, only diverging from it in a few places, the main points of divergence being between Lahore and the Ravee, and at the Kharian Pass.

The construction of the line was commenced about November 1869, but, owing to the causes above-mentioned, the progress, until last year, has been very slow. The decision on the change of gauge was communicated in January 1871.

With the exception of the large bridges the railway is so far completed that it might have been opened for traffic between the large rivers had it not been for the difficulty of obtaining rails from England, and so many rails are required for sinking the well foundations that the idea of opening for traffic this year must be abandoned. All the minor bridges may be said to be practically finished, with the exception of the Palkoo, the Bhimber, and the special flood gaps which must await the arrival of the iron work from England.

The large bridges were not commenced until October or November of last year, although the previous seasons had been usefully employed in burning bricks, collecting materials, and carrying out protective works and the work of the season has been attended with good results. . . .

The country between Jhelum and Rawal Pindee is in parts broken and rugged; but as a very good road has been constructed between those towns the cost of the railway will not be large, as the railway will, for nearly the whole of that distance, keep to the road. This will, however, involve very heavy gradients and curves. The plans and sections of this length have been sent in and are now under consideration: the steepest gradient is 1 in 27. But it remains to be seen whether a ruling gradient of 1 in 30 cannot be obtained throughout. These gradients are so scattered that it will be difficult to work them as an ordinary incline; special brake arrangements must be adopted on that railway, and the engines must all be fitted with the "Le Chatelier" counter-pressure brake. Beyond Rawal Pindee there are no special difficulties except the crossing of the River Indus. Opinion is divided respecting the question of crossing this river by bridge or tunnel, but surveys have lately been undertaken with the view of deciding this question.

Two lines have been suggested for the branch to the salt mines at Pin-dadan-khan, one from Lalla Moosah about twelve miles beyond Goozerat on which the work will be generally light, but which involves a crossing of the Jhelum River; the other alternative line leaves the town of Jhelum and skirts the north bank of the river. The works on this line will be heavy as it crosses some large water drainage. The surveys of the alternative line have not yet been submitted for decision.

17. The Indus Valley Railway will be about 493 miles in length; it branches off from the Punjab and Delhi line between Moolsan and Shershah, but about six miles from the former, and having Mooltan as a terminus; it then passes through the fertile district of Shoorabad, near the River Chenab, and thence to Bhawulpoor, crossing the River Sutlej near that city; from thence it passes through Amedpoor, Khanpoor, Dundhi and Ghotki to Rhoree, where it crosses the River Indus to Sukkur; it then keeps near the right bank of the Indus until it reaches Kotree, the present terminus of the Scind Railway.

It is very doubtful whether the Indus Valley will prove to be remunerative as a commercial undertaking, but in a political point of view it is important, as it opens railway communications between the Punjab and the seaboard, being a saving of about 750 miles to Lahore when compared with the present railway communication via Bombay and Allahabad. At present, river communication between Kurrachee and Mooltan is so uncertain that, when time is an object, it is better to go via Bombay rather than risk the delays and contingencies of river transit.

The local traffic will consist chiefly of grain and agricultural produce. In the Sehwan district the country is extremely rich and well cultivated, and throughout the State of Bhawulpoor there has of late been a large development of the resources of the country, by the restoration of irrigation channels, and wherever the influences of the Indus extend, the country is, as a rule, well cultivated, but beyond its influence it is barren and thinly populated. Moreover, the native boats in the river will compete for the traffic that might otherwise go to the railway.

The works on the line are very light, if we except the bridge over the Sutlej, the bridge over the Indus at Sukkur, and the provision for the spill waters of the Indus. At Sehwan there are some sharp rocks of a shaken character which have to be passed; but with these exceptions the railway may be considered a surface line.

The works on the upper portion of the line between Mooltan and Rhoree were commenced departmentally about the end of last year, and very satisfactory progress has been attained.

The earthworks have been well advanced throughout; between Mooltan and the Sutlej, about 50 miles, the earthworks may be considered to be almost finished, and throughout the Bhawulpoor States they are in a very advanced state; and north of Rhoree the railway embankments have been thrown up with the view of defining the extent of the spill waters of the Indus, and there is but little doubt that the greater portion of the earth work between Mooltan and Rhoree will be completed before the end of the year. Arrangements for brick-making and the collection of ballast are well in hand, and a commencement has been made with the brick-work of some of the smaller culverts and bridges. A large number of bricks have been burned for the Sutlej Bridge, and well curbs are being prepared in readiness for commencing the work of that bridge with energy next year. I fear, however, that the progress on this portion of the railway will be seriously retarded by the non-arrival of permanent-way materials and iron work from England. . . .

It is estimated that the cost of a narrow gauge line between Mooltan and Rhoree will be about £6,630 per mile, of which about £750 per mile is due to the cost of the Sutlej Bridge. If we exclude the cost of the Sutlej Bridge, and the provision for the flood waters of the Indus, the cost will be reduced to about £5,100 per mile. The lower portion of the railway between Rhoree and Kotree, a distance of about 222 miles, is now under survey, and it is believed that the project will be submitted in time to obtain sanction to the commencement of the works at the beginning of the next cold season. The cost of this portion of the line, excluding the amount of the bridge over the Indus at Sukkur, will probably be about £6,000 per mile.

The bridge over the Indus will be a formidable undertaking, as one of its spans will be about 600 feet in the clear; but on the other hand, the foundations will be rocky, so that there will be no difficulty in this respect.

18. The Rajpootana (Delhi) Railway will run from Delhi through Rewaree and Ulwar, making a junction with the Agra division of the Rajpootana Railway; it opens out the Furruckngger salt district, and will be an important link in the through route from Delhi and the Punjab to the Bombay Presidency.

The construction of that portion of the line which lies between Delhi and Rewaree, as well as the salt branch, was commenced departmentally about April 1870, and has now been completed and is ready for traffic, with the exception of the station fittings expected from England and the Delhi Station, which has been delayed pending negociations with the Sind, Punjab and Delhi Railway Company; but the rails have been laid, and the line might have been opened for traffic in a few months, had the rolling-stock arrived; but according to the last advices, it can scarcely be expected before February or March 1873.

The work is very light on this line; the only works of any magnitude being the crossings of the river Saubee which, however, will, for the present, be traversed by a temporary causeway.

The ruling gradient of this line is 1 in 300, but that of the salt branch is 1 in 100.

The plans and estimates for the extension to the junction have just been submitted; Major Stanton recommending Bandikuri instead of Bewai as the point of junction.

19. The Agra division of the Rajpootana Railway commences near the Agra station of the East Indian Railway, crosses the Jumna to Agra, and passes through Bhurtpoor, Jeypoor, Ajmere to Nusseerabad; it is of considerable political importance, opening the Rajpootana district and forming a link in the large system, which will eventually give direct railway communication between the Bombay Presidency and the North-Western Provinces. The traffic will probably be small until the whole system is completed, but there is a considerable salt traffic at Sambhur and Bhurtpoor.

The annual exports and imports of Jeypoor and Bhurtpoor are about 70,000 tons, and the custom duties £30,000 per annum.

The line generally is a light one; the only works of magnitude being the bridge over the Jumna at Agra, about 2,200 lineal feet, to connect the line with the East Indian Railway, and the crossing of some rivers near Jeypoor, in the aggregate about 2,600 lineal feet. The Amanishah, the most formidable of these, is a river subject to a scour of an extraordinary character which requires special precautions.

The line between Agra and Sambhur, a length of 185 miles, was let by contract to Messrs. Glover and Company in October 1871, and the works have been commenced without delay.

A very large proportion of the earthwork below Agra, and Jeypoor has been completed, and a good commencement has been made in the masonry of the culverts and small bridges; a large quantity of materials has been collected, and I expect that good progress in the large bridges will be made after the next rains. Nine of the piers of the Agra Jumna Bridge have been commenced, and the foundations have been sunk to depths varying from 20 to 48 feet. It is estimated that, this railway may be constructed and stocked for about £5,500 per mile.

20. The Holkar State Railway will be about 86¼ miles in length; it commences at Khundwa, a station 352 miles from Bombay on the main line of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway.

The line for the first 42 miles is tolerably light; it then crosses the Nerbudda river, and, ascending the Vindhya range of hills by the Choral Pass, reaches Mhow and Indore. There appears to be a greater probability of commercial success on this line than on the majority of the State Railways especially if the extension be carried out via Neemuch and Rajpootana to Agra and Delhi. There will be considerable traffic in opium and other agricultural produce, and the railway will open the rich districts of Jowra, Rutlam and Mundesoor to the port of Bombay; but in a political point of view, it is very important, affording, as it does, railway communication with the States of Holkar and Scindia, and the important military station of Mhow.

The first 42 miles of the line from Khundwa to the Nerbudda are tolerably light and easy, with ruling gradients of 1 in 100; but the Nerbudda is a rapid river, rising in flood time 66 feet above its ordinary level; it has, however, the advantage of good foundations for its piers; it is to be spanned by 13 openings of 60 metres from centre to centre of pier, making a total of about 2,660 lineal feet of bridges. After crossing the Nerbudda, the line gradually becomes more and more heavy, until it ascends the Choral incline, with a gradient of 1 in 40 for 3½ miles; the work on this portion is extremely heavy, including tunnels and heavy rock cuttings, embankments with retaining walls, and viaducts over deep ravines. The cost of the third or ghat division will be about £16,200 per mile, including rolling stock and stations: the average cost of the whole line will be about £11,000 per mile including the cost of the Nerbudda Bridge, or about £8,700 per mile excluding the cost of the bridge, the cost of the 1st division will average about £6,000 per mile.

The Maharaja Holkar has lent to the British Government £1,000,000, at 4½ per cent. interest, for the construction of this railway.

The tender of Messrs. Hood, Winton, Mills, and Oag, for the construction of this line was accepted on the 8th of January 1872, and the contractors have since commenced the work with energy.

All the embankments on the first division (42 miles) may be said to be roughly finished except that close to Khundwa station, which is delayed pending a settlement of the station question with the Great Indian Peninsula officials; all the small cuttings on this length are also finished, and the heavier cuttings well in hand. The earthwork of the second division is being urged on, and on the ghat division many of the large rock cuttings and approaches to the tunnels have been actively pushed. Ballast has been collected along the whole of the first division, and about six miles of bottom ballast is now ready.

A very good commencement has been made with the masonry throughout the first division. A small quantity of rails has arrived, and it is hoped that a large portion of the line will be available for the transport of construction material before the end of the year. . . .

21. The Neemuch State Railway is the link connecting the Holkar State Railway with the Rajpootana system; it will be about 396 miles in length excluding a branch to Ujain. Leaving Indore, it passes through Rutlam and Jowra to Neemuch, and thence it joins the Rajpootana system at Nusseerabad. The traffic will be chiefly opium, cotton, and grain. Comparative estimates were prepared last year for the different trial lines between Indore and Neemtich, averaging about £5,000 per mile, exclusive of rolling-stock. The most direct and best route, in an engineering point of view, passed through Futteabad, Gurla, and Kussary, but as it avoided the important towns of Rutlam and Jowra, orders were given to locate the line through Rutlam, Jowra, and Mandesoor, with a branch from Futteabad to Ujain. This has since been done and final estimates are now under preparation. . . .

22. The Khamgaon branch is 7¼ miles in length. It was constructed by the State as a branch of the Nagpore section of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and is worked by that company. Its object is to open railway communication with Khamgaon, the chief cotton mart of West Berar. The cotton traffic is considerable in that district, 533,000 acres being under cotton cultivation. The railway is laid to the standard gauge of 5 feet 6 inches with 60 lbs. rails on cast-iron sleepers. It was opened for traffic in March 1870, and cost about £6,200 per mile.

23. The Amraoti Branch, 5½ miles in length, is a similar branch from the Nagpore section of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, and is also worked by that railway company. It is intended to open Amraoti, the chief cotton mart of East Berar, where 466,000 acres are under cotton cultivation. The gauge of the railway is five feet six inches, and the rails are 68 lbs. to the yard, on iron sleepers; it was opened for traffic in 1871, costing about £8,000 per mile.

24. The Nizam's Railway is not only important in a political point of view in affording railway communication to Hyderabad and Secundrabad, but it is expected to develop considerable traffic both in goods and passengers. The value of imports to Hyderabad from British territory is estimated at £400,000 per annum, and there is a large export trade of cotton, sugar, oilseeds, and grain.

The length of this railway will be about 120 miles including a branch of six miles in length, and as it is desirable to work the traffic through the agency of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company without break of gauge, the standard gauge of 5 feet 6 inches has been adopted. The permanent-way and other materials will probably be supplied from the surplus stores of the Guaranteed Railways.

The progress on this line has been somewhat retarded by the question of gauge, which was only definitely settled in October 1871—the Nizam desiring on grounds of economy the narrow gauge, whilst the Government of India pointed out the disadvantages of a portion of narrow gauge railway which would be isolated unless the Nizam were prepared to carry out extensions to such a degree as to compensate for the disadvantages of a break of gauge. Ultimately, the standard gauge of 5 feet 6 inches was adopted.

The line as far as the 54th mile is comparatively light and easy, but between the 54th and 70th mile the work is heavy, entailing deep cuttings in hard material and granite, as well as high embankments.

Sanction to a commencement of the earthworks and the collection of materials was accorded in April 1871.

The greater portion of the earthwork as far as the 54th mile is completed, and it is expected that all the earthwork will be completed by the end of the current year; and that the line for the first 49 miles will be ready for the rails, with the exception of a few of the larger bridges, by the end of October. About two-thirds of the ballast have been collected, and the exertions of the Engineers have been devoted to getting in the foundations of all the bridges and culverts as far as the 49th mile.

The delivery of rails has been delayed for several months by fruitless negotiations with the Great Southern of India, for surplus rails in stock.

25. The Patree Branch is a salt branch 22 miles in length, in connection with the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway. The contract for the construction of the branch was let to Messrs. Gale and Company in December 1871. The indent for permanent-way was sent to England in September 1871, and the rails are now being delivered. The earthwork is nearly, if not quite completed; the date of completion of the railway will depend upon the arrival of the permanent-way materials from England, but it is expected that it will be ready for traffic in October next. The rails are 8-ft-toed, 48lbs. to the yard, laid on creosoted sleepers 8' by 9 by 4½" 3 feet apart. The speed is restricted to 12 miles per hour, and the wheel load of engines to four tons or eight tons per axle.

The line will be worked by the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Company. The agreement for working is terminable by Government at any time after the line has been opened one year by giving six months' notice.

THE CAUSES OF THE SUCCESS OF THE FRENCH LOAN.

(*Le Temps*—Paris, Aug. 2)

A RIDICULOUS controversy has been raised on the subject of the loan. Some maintain that its success is due to the Republic alone, while others regard it as a proof of the credit of France considered in herself and independently of her institutions. Neither of these opinions is altogether true. Capitalists have not lent their money to France from love for the present form of her Government, and, on the other hand, it does not appear that the Republic has inspired the public of our country or of Europe with the sentiments of fear which Monarchists affect to experience at the mere sound of its name.

The truth is that Frenchmen and foreigners have entrusted their savings to us because we are a hard-working nation, because we have always prided ourselves on being true to our engagements, because we have never shown any intention of repudiating debts contracted even by governments which we have overthrown, and because these qualities of honesty and laboriousness, far from proving incompatible with our new institutions, have never been displayed in a more striking manner than at present. France is proving to the world that she can live under a Republic without, therefore, repudiating her traditions of national honour, or disowning the conditions of honour and security which are the foundation of the existence of nations, and it is in this sense that we may, without braggadocio or party spirit, claim for our Republican Government the honour of the success of a loan which had no precedent in history.

(*La Patrie*—Paris, Aug. 2.)

THE loan is decidedly a great success, a real triumph for the Conservative party. The semi-official and Radical prints at first tried to tell us a wonderful tale, asserting that this financial edifice of 42 (fictitious) milliards had been raised by the capitalists of all countries to the glory of the Republic. The wildness of this legend prevented its authors from keeping it up; accustomed though they be to count on the credulity of their readers and on the complaisance of the public, they have been obliged this time to retreat in good order. The formula has therefore been changed, and it is said that we must give the credit of this financial success to the "Conservative" Republic. But at that word the whole scaffolding falls down. It is then no longer the real Republic that is concerned; M. de Goulard has said officially "the Conservative Republic" and nothing else. This excludes the *Republique Francaise*, the *Siecle*, the *National*, &c., from the triumph of the loan, for they are the violent, constant, and malignant opponents of the Conservative party! It is now well understood that it is not to the Republic of these real Republicans that the money has been lent. This is, in our opinion, the strict truth. All these journals are constantly repeating that the form of government called "Conservative" by the Conservatives, is not the "real Republic." They have therefore no right to interfere in the matter, no right to claim any share in the success of the loan.

(*Journal des Debats*—Paris, Aug. 4.)

Is the colossal success of the loan to be placed to the credit of the Republic or not? Have capitalists placed at the disposal of France some forty milliards because she is a Republic, or although she is a Republic? This question doubtless is not without interest, but is it not somewhat idle in this sense, that no criterion exists for its solution? Who can say whether more or fewer milliards would have been offered to France as a Monarchy than have been offered to her as a Republic? What is perfectly certain is that the Republic asked the capitalists of France and foreign countries for three and a half milliards, and that they have offered forty-two milliards. That is the fact. This fact might certainly have occurred under any other, *régime*, but nobody can deny that it has occurred under the Republic, and consequently that the Republic, even though it be provisional and governed by the rival Constitution—a constitution which has never passed for a master-piece of its kind—does not prevent France from having credit, and even from exercising over the milliards an extraordinary power of attraction. But it must not be forgotten that it is not the Republic *in abstracto*, the Republic considered as a more or less ideal form of government, the Republic of divine right or the fetich Republic, that has worked this miracle of the multiplication of the milliards; it is the Conservative and moderate Republic as understood and carried on by M. Thiers, with the support of the immense majority of the country.

THE PUNDRAPORE RESIDENCY.

[Concluded from Tuesday's "*Bombay Gazette.*"]

(From Blackwood's Magazine.)

IV.

THE Pundrapore insurrection caused a great sensation in Calcutta. Would Government annex the territory? Some said that Sir George Blitzen was already marching to Pundrapore at the head of two divisions of all arms of the service to depose the Begum and annex the state. Others were certain that the Governor-General would do nothing of the kind; that the present crisis demanded conciliatory measures; and that the Begum would be well "wigged," and reinstated in the Regency. Mr. Wanpbite, the Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, was besieged with inquiries at his club in Chowringhee, until even *his* amiable temper was exhausted, and he said, "Damn the Pundwapoah Wesidency. If you want to know you should ask the Govenah-Genewal." The press likewise had its say upon the subject. 'The Padrepore Monitor and Weekly Evangelist' reminded its readers how often in the course of the previous ten years it had constantly predicted that affairs at Pundrapore would turn out exactly as they had happened. The editor conjured the Governor-General to do his duty and annex the principality, undeterred by the howls of native opinion, and regardless of the ignorant and interested views of English statesmen. "With an able British officer, such as Mr. Caird, the energetic Magistrate of Cholerapore, at the head of the administration, and an efficient educational staff under the Rev. Fungus M'Bain, the eminent Free Church Missionary, as Director of Public Instruction, upon a salary of not less than Rs. 700 per mensem, with a free bungalow, a new and happier era would soon dawn upon the benighted regions of Pundrapore. The importance of the last named appointment cannot be too strongly impressed upon his Excellency's consideration," &c., &c.

The 'Peon' scarcely expressed an opinion, but, as might have been expected, dwelt at length upon the valuable services which Cornet P. R. Penninck, of Beaton's Horse, had rendered in restoring order at the Residency and the Palace, an account of which occupied one-and-a-half columns of leaded type. The 'John Bull' bluntly said that the Government ought to do justice. "Visit with a fitting punishment the Begum and her fellow-conspirators, but why should an innocent child suffer for the misconduct of his guardian? Let us train the young Nawab to be a wise and judicious ruler, and place an experienced officer in charge of the state during His Highness's minority. In this manner we shall best refute the slanderous writers who would attribute to the Company's government an insatiable lust for territory. The name of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Robinson, Political Agent of Chotasahebpore, must of course occur to every one who has bestowed a serious thought upon the guardianship of the young Nawab and the future management of the Pundrapore state," &c., &c.

When the news of the Pundrapore insurrection reached Government House, a special meeting of the Executive Council was forthwith summoned. The members met in the evening in the old Council Chamber to determine the destiny of Pundrapore. If the *genius loci* could have prevailed, the independence of Pundrapore would have stood but a sober chance, for around them upon the walls hung the portraits of the statesmen and warriors who had done most to extend the British power in India. There was Clive, who gave Bengal, Behar, and Orissa to the Company's territories; Wellesley, the conqueror of Mysore, the Carnatic, and Mahrashtra; with Hastings, Cornwallis, Eyre Coote, and Minto. But the golden age of annexation was past, and the pagoda-tree was fast falling into the sere and yellow leaf. There was a strong party in Parliament hostile to the Company, who never ceased to denounce each fresh extension of territory as another instance of arbitrary rapacity, seizing eagerly upon every new aggression as a ground for renewing the attack; and so the Calcutta statesmen were compelled to go cautiously to work in the case of Pundrapore.

"It appears to me, gentlemen," said the Governor-General during that little standing confabulation which always preceded the formal sitting, and in which the real business of the meeting was generally settled—"It appears to me that we have no real ground for proceeding to extremities against the state. The Nawab is but a child, and it would be hardly fair to make a minor answerable for the misdeeds of his guardian."

"All owing to that fellow Jones," growled the Honourable Mr. Elchey, who, having been Resident at the Court of Cooch Behar, claimed a leading voice in all diplomatic business. "If he had but kept out of the way and given them rope enough, the whole state would have been up, and then there would have been a good excuse for annexation. But the political department is going to the devil. When I was resident at Cooch Behar, your Excellency, there was an old Thakoor who had got a *ta' allukae zabardasti*, and the Government wanted——"

"But in this case, Mr. Elchey, I don't think any blame can attach to the Political officer," said the Governor-General, unceremoniously interrupting the ex-diplomatist, whose reminiscences of Cooch Behar were notoriously prosy, and so full of Hindustani phrases as to be intelligible only to a member of the Revenue Board. "Captain Jones appears to have acted as judiciously as the circumstances admitted, and his report is really an admirably written document, quite different from anything that we have had before from Pundrapore. Besides we shall have the Punjab soon upon our hands, and can easily forego the pleasure, for the present, of gathering Pundrapore under the Company's wing."

"What was that mystery about Captain Jones's appointment, my Lord?" asked Mr. Elchey; "everybody said there was some special reason for his selection that has never come before the Council? None of the members, to my certain knowledge, ever heard the man's name before.

"Really, Mr. Elchey, you have no more reason to complain than I have. Sir George Blitzen had been down in Pundrapore inquiring into Grantley's management, or rather mismanagement, and his Excellency reported so strongly in favour of Grantley's withdrawal that I had him at once transferred to Kaifiabad; and I wrote to Sir George begging him to recommend one of his best officers for the vacancy, for it was necessary in the unsettled condition of Pundrapore that the Resident should be a military man. He recommended Jones, and I appointed him on Sir George's recommendation, and there the story ends; and I must say that Captain Jones has not disgraced the Commander-in-Chief's patronage."

"Well, he must have been a very modest man to hide his light so completely under a bushel," said, with a satiric laugh, General Brymston, the military member, whose nephew, Colonel Congreve, had been among the disappointed candidates.

"Just what I said to Sir George, General," said his Excellency; "and all the answer I got was, '*he's the man for Pundrapore*;' and really I don't think we have any reason to complain."

And so the Council sat down, and resolved that the Begum of Pundrapore should await the pleasure of Government, under surveillance, at the fortress of Chunar; that Taptee Rao should be advanced to the dignity of Rae Bahadoor, and should take charge of the fiscal and judicial management of the Pundrapore state, in conjunction with the British Resident; and that the latter officer should act as guardian of the young Nawab's person, and make such provision as was necessary for the maintenance and education of a prince of his rank.

But the public had not yet heard the last of Pundrapore. Mr. Deek, M. P., who wanted to get into the Board of Control, and was taking a course of the Calcutta papers, had stumbled upon Captain Jones's appointment. To find Pundrapore in the map of India, and to turn up the history of the principality in '*Thornton's Gazetteer*,' was the work of an instant; and that very night Mr. Deek gave notice that he would call the attention of the Right Honourable the President of the Board of Control to a recent instance of the exercise of the Governor-General's patronage, and call for the production of the papers connected with the appointment of Captain Jones to the Pundrapore Residency. And Mr. Deek did call attention to the Pundrapore Residency in a speech which lasted two hours and a half, in the course of which he detailed the history of Pundrapore from the invasion of Mahomed of Ghizni down to Captain Jones's appointment, quoting largely from 'Mill's History,' 'The Collection of Treaties, Engagements, and Sunnuds,' and the 'Charter Blue-Books.' There were scarcely forty members present when the President was roused from his slumbers to defend the Government of Bengal. "There would nothing," said the right honourable gentleman, "have given the Board of Control so much pleasure as to produce the papers which the honourable gentleman had so eloquently called for, *if they only had existed*. As for the appointment of Captain Jones, it was easily explained; he was the fittest man for the post. I may mention," continued the President, "that a despatch has this day been received by the Board, stating that the officer whose appointment has been called in question has saved the Pundrapore state from a very serious insurrection, and has probably spared the Government the unpleasant task of annexing the territory. I shall be very happy, in the course of a few days, to lay the paper upon the table for the information of the honourable member who takes such an interest in the affairs of Pundrapore." The President sat down, and Mr. Deek collapsed into the smallest possible bulk, cursing his unlucky curiosity, as he read next morning in the 'Times' that, "in reply to a question from Mr. Deek, the President of the Board of Control said so and so." His great speech was thus denied to posterity.

The President was right; there were no official papers connected with Captain Jones's appointment. Sir George Blitzen is dead and gone, and we shall offer no indignity to the memory of that distinguished soldier if we print the following private epistle which has come into our hands:—

"From Major-General Sir George Blitzen, K.C.B., K.H., to Major Springer, Military Secretary on leave at the Presidency.

"MUSSOORIE, 16th March 18 .

"MY DEAR SPRINGER,—I have just got back here again, and deuced glad I am to escape the infernal heat of the plains. The march from Pundrapore was as hot as if there had been only a sheet of pasteboard between us and the devil's own dominions. Talking of Pundrapore, there will be a nice mess there one of these days. The Begum is a tigress—a perfect hyena for untamableness. In fact, I may say she is the only woman that ever braved George Blitzen, and I saw *something* of the sex when I was a *chhokra* with Sir Arthur in the Peninsula. A nice game she and that drawing-room soldier Grantley are playing, but I will put a spoke in her wheel. The Governor-General has given me the nomination of the next Resident, and by G—d I'll send her the ugliest fellow in the Service. Now, Springer, you must find out who that clumsy clown was that poked his head into my stomach at Bustlepore, for as sure as my name is George Blitzen he shall have the post. My lady Begum will then find that, if her plots can only be carried out by making love to the Resident, she must at least make love to a less pleasant object than Grantley. As for his qualifications, they be d-mned. Pundrapore must be annexed within the year, and it does not matter a straw what sort of a Resident is sent there. If the Begum knock the new man upon the head, the service will more easily spare him than a better officer. Bring up a lot of pickles and tinned meat with you, for the *ménage* here is beastly; and try and persuade Mrs. Cocket—Cockett of the Toshakhana Office's wife, you know—that the air of Mussoorie would be salubrious for her constitution during the next two months. There are three or four Rattle girls here, who are very jolly, and have been flirting heavily with some of the 14th. Order every 14th man to join his regiment without delay. Send a packet of 'Calcutta Christian Intelligencers' by overland mail to Lady Blitzen, who is fond of that sort of literature.—Ever yours,

"GEORGE BLITZEN."

This letter bears the following indorsement in the hand of the late Colonel Springer, C. B.:—"Poor Sir George! will ever the man grow old? Captain Jones, of the Jungly-wallahs, may thank his Excellency's *specie injuriam formæ* for a snug berth."

And this was the mystery of Captain Jones's appointment. Captain Jones discharged the duties of his post with some credit until Captain Grantley's retirement from the Kaifiabad Residency, when, upon the recommendation of his patron, Sir George Blitzen, he was transferred to that innocent office, and Mr. Harcourt succeeded to the Pundrapore Residency. During the remainder of his service in the East, Jones continued to be held in great respect among diplomatists, and when he retired, the 'Peon' devoted half a column to his merits and services—it was in the "silly season," when news was scarce. The Captain—he is now Colonel, however—still lives upon his laurels, and devotes his leisure to his favourite task of composing epitaphs, in none of which does he omit his valuable services rendered to Government when he filled the Residency of Pundrapore.

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